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TRIP is extended to December

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The Marianas Visitors Authority has decided to extend the Travel Investment Resumption Plan, or TRIP, to December to sustain the resumption of tourism in the CNMI.

According to MVA board chair Viola Alepuyo, MVA board members unanimously voted during the board of directors meeting last Friday to extend the TRIP program through Dec. 31 to allow more time for promotion in South Korea.

The program primarily

provides subsidies to airlines, hotels, travel agencies, and related businesses to help sustain efforts to revive the CNMI's tourism industry. It was originally supposed to last just eight weeks, or only until about September. Alepuyo said this extension decision

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COVID vaccines to be required for military

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Members of the U.S. military will be required to get the COVID-19 vaccine beginning next month under a plan laid out by the Pentagon Monday



Austin

and endorsed by President Joe Biden. In memos distributed to all troops, top Pentagon leaders said the vaccine is a necessary step to maintain military readiness.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said the mid-September deadline could be accelerated if the vaccine receives fi-

nal FDA approval or infection rates continue to rise.

"I will seek the president's approval to make the vaccines mandatory no later than mid-

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AT A GLANCE

As of 5:55pm, Aug. 10, 2021

VACCINATIONS IN THE CNMI

Eligible Population Fully Vaccinated: **73.7%**

Days since last community transmission **140**

Pfizer/BioNTech	
Initiated:	28,409
Fully Vaccinated:	26,497
Moderna	
Initiated:	4,378
Fully Vaccinated:	4,114
Janssen	
Fully vaccinated:	611

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	8,725	44	8,769
Recovered	8,391	7	8,398
Active	184	52	228
Deaths	143	0	143

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	206	4	210
Traced via Travel Screening	169	4	173
Traced via Community Screening	37	0	37
Deaths	2	0	2

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

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- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- Green: Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

P-EBT DISTRIBUTION

An almost mile-long line of cars converged at the Nutrition Assistance Program office in As Lito yesterday morning on the first day of pick-up of the Pandemic-EBT. The queue stretched from the entrance to NAP's office all the way to the stoplight next to Guangdong Hardware and even further. This line is expected to last this entire week, which has been allotted for the distribution of P-EBT benefits.

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5 of 9 who sued USCIS now OK'd for long-term status

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Over five months since filing their lawsuit with the U.S.

District Court for the NMI, five of the nine plaintiffs who sued U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for turning down their applications for

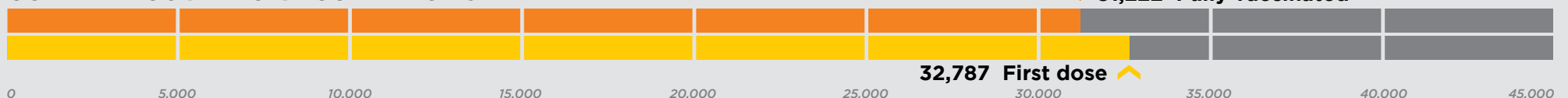
CNMI Long-Term Residency have finally been approved.

In their motion for voluntary dismissal of the lawsuit last Friday, the plaintiffs noted

that USCIS have approved the CNMI residency applications of five of the nine individuals who had sued the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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Local

JGO committee resumes hearing on Torres expenditures

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After a brief hiatus due to the recent passing of Rep. Ivan Blanco, the House Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee resumed Monday its investigation into Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' expenditures and travels, with Bureau of Motor Vehicle director Juana C. Leon Guerrero appearing before the committee and testifying about some of the documents presented to her.

As part of her testimony, Leon Guerrero testified about documents that showed that Torres purchased a 2004 van for \$2,000, bought a battery for it worth \$110, and subsequently gave the vehicle to another person.

Reps. Edwin K. Propst (D-Saipan) and Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan) pointed out at the hearing that it's the same vehicle for which Torres purchased a battery worth \$112, then had the expense reimbursed by the Department of Finance.

Before Leon Guerrero's testimony, Rep. Richard Lizama (D-Saipan) read before the JGO Committee a sworn af-



Department of Public Safety Bureau of Motor Vehicle director Juana C. Leon Guerrero is sworn in before testifying yesterday before the House Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee at the House chamber. Beside Leon Guerrero is her counsel, Anthony Aguon.
FERDIE DE LA TORRE

fidavit of Erin Angela Vilagomez Camacho of the Women, Infants, and Children Program, about Torres paying for her and her father's lunch at the Kinpachi Restaurant in Garapan on March 7, 2019. Camacho said she has since learned that Torres paid for their meal with government funds, and that the expenditure

is alleged to be an unauthorized government expenditure.

"I was unaware that government funds were used to pay for our personal meal, which I estimate to have cost \$30 to \$40," Camacho said.

In her testimony about that van that Torres reportedly gave to another, Leon Guerrero explained that this case is

classified as a double transfer of ownership.

Leon Guerrero testified that the certification dated Jan. 10, 2019 shows that Carla Naog Camacho, as owner of the white 2002 Mazda MPV van, sold the vehicle to Torres for \$2,000. Leon Guerrero said that on Jan. 28, 2019, the date of issue in the van's certificate of ownership,

the registered owner of this vehicle was Torres.

She said that on March 26, 2019, Brian Romolor went to BMV and submitted a vehicle bill of sale, indicating he (Romolor) was the owner of the van and was selling it for undetermined amount to Diosdado Miravillas. Leon Guerrero said she advised her staff to tell Ro-

molator to get first the bill of sale and certification from Torres.

In his recap of the sequence of events, Propst said that Torres purchased the van on Jan. 10, 2019, then 18 days later registered the car. Then, in that process when Torres was gifting the car to Romolor, Torres bought a battery for the van and, two days later, is reimbursed for the battery that he had just purchased.

"So this gift that he gave away was not only a \$2,000 car, it was also a brand-new battery that was paid for by taxpayer dollars," Propst said. "This is not a government vehicle but a personal vehicle. This car is owned by Torres."

Regarding the meal at Kinpachi Restaurant, Propst said Torres had a \$30 to \$40 meal reimbursed. "So I'm very confused. He is generous enough to give away a \$2,000 van, yet he cannot pick up somebody's tab that he said he would pick up and, instead, decided to once again charge it to taxpayer dollars," he said.

Leon Guerrero gave her testimony with Anthony Aguon beside her as her counsel. The Department of Public Safety paid for Aguon's services.

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Rotary to soon install accessible ramps at beaches

The Rotary Club of Saipan's main project for this year will be to install handicap-accessible ramps at Saipan's beaches.

It was learned during the club's weekly meeting yesterday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan Ballroom that the club deems it important that all community members are able to enjoy Saipan's beaches.

Club president Ivan Ilmov later said the Saipan chapter was inspired by a past project done by one of Australia's Rotary Clubs.

"We have an amazing beach area, one of the best in the world, but we don't have access for all [community] members, especially members with disabilities [or those recovering] after surgery. ...Taking care of community members is always the priority of the Rotary Club of Saipan," said Ilmov.

In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ilmov also views the future project as an opportunity for the club to endorse healthy living. "This project will be really good for

our club this year, especially during the pandemic [where] we can give access for everybody to keep healthy lifestyles and recovery if you need it. That's our goal for this year," Ilmov added. *(Joshua Santos)*

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4 more test positive

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Four more individuals have been confirmed positive for COVID-19 from passenger arrival testing.

This brings the CNMI's total to 210 reported positive cases of CO-

VID-19 since March 28, 2020. The new cases were identified via travel screening, and confirmed positive on arrival on Aug. 6 and Aug. 8, according to a Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. announcement.

The individuals have been quarantined and are being actively moni-

tored, and CHCC's Communicable Disease Investigation/ Inspection team has already initiated contact tracing for the most immediate contacts of the new confirmed cases.

In related news, CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña on Friday said that vaccination numbers need to be higher before conversations about administering booster shots can begin. The recent calls for booster shots

worldwide comes in reaction to the highly transmissible delta variant of the COVID-19 virus.

"People have talked about booster shots, [but] let me tell you [that], as a public health official, my role is to try to get as many people vaccinated first before I even start talking about booster shots. We need to get more people vaccinated before you even discuss that," said Muña.

According to an online definition, a booster shot is an additional dose of a vaccine needed periodically to "boost" the immune system.

In world news, Israel, France, Germany, and many Middle East countries have already started administering booster shots, and countries like the United States and Britain are considering plans to administer booster shots as well.

Fire engulfs four-story apartment in Susupe

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The fire that rendered 16 people homeless last week engulfed a four-story apartment in Susupe near Winchell's and Summer Snow Café, according to the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

DFEMS spokesperson Robert Mojica said the DFEMS Division of Fire Prevention and Arson Investigation continues to investigate the blaze and its cause has yet to be determined.

A DFEMS press release stated that an individual called 911 on Aug. 5 at around 9:54pm, reporting a fire south of Winchell's near Summer Snow.

DFEMS Engine 2, Engine 5, Rescue 1, Medic 1, and Medic 2 immediately responded to the location, with Medic 1 being the first to arrive on scene at around 9:57pm and confirmed that the building was indeed on fire.

DFEMS Lt. Patrick Semens reported that the fire was under control at around 10:24pm.

The initial scene observations of the DFEMS Division of Fire Prevention and Arson Investigation, or DFP AI, led by firefighter Benjamin Manglona, determined that the fire started in one of the units of the four-story concrete apartment building.

Scene investigations learned that the apartment unit, which was located on the second floor, sustained severe fire, smoke, and soot damage to the interior.

The fire did not jump to the next unit but neighboring units did sustain minor to moderate soot and

smoke damage.

Fortunately, there were no reported injuries and fatalities on scene but six families did lose their homes.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter responded to the fire and that it affected six families.

Red Cross volunteer responders

received a call of a structure fire in Susupe around 11pm Thursday evening and volunteers Janet Santos, Joe Jetnil, Richard Defan, and Triana Zhu were able to help displaced residents on scene.

There was a total of 16 clients from six households that were displaced by the fire.

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September, or immediately upon" licensure by the Food and Drug Administration "whichever comes first," Austin said in his memo, warning them to prepare for the requirement.

The Pentagon plan provides time for the FDA to give final approval to the Pfizer vaccine, which is expected early next month. Without that formal approval, Austin needs a waiver from Biden to make the shots mandatory, and Biden has already made clear he supports it.

Austin's decision reflects similar moves by governments and companies around the world, as nations struggle with the highly contagious delta variant that has sent new U.S. cases, hospitalizations and deaths surging to heights not seen since last winter. The concerns are especially acute in the military, where service members live and work closely together in barracks and on ships, increasing the risks of rapid spreading. Any large virus outbreak in the military could affect America's ability to defend itself in any security crisis.

Austin warned that if infection rates rise and potentially affect military readiness, "I will not hesitate to act sooner or recommend a different course to the President if I feel the need to do so. To defend this Nation, we need a healthy and ready force."

In a statement Monday, Biden said he strongly supports Austin's message to the force and the plan to add the COVID vaccine "to the list of required vaccinations for our service members not later than mid-September."

Biden said the country is still on a wartime footing and "being vaccinated will enable our service members to stay healthy, to better protect their families, and to ensure that our force is ready to operate anywhere in the world."

Austin's memo, which went out Monday, was followed quickly by one from Army Gen. Mark Milley,

chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"The Secretary of Defense intends to mandate vaccinations for all Service members in the coming weeks," said Milley, adding that the military's medical professionals recommended the move. At the bottom of his message, Milley scrawled a handwritten note: "Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 is a key force protection and readiness issue."

The decision comes a bit more than a week after Biden told defense officials to develop a plan requiring troops to get shots as part of a broader campaign to increase vaccinations in the federal workforce.

More broadly, the COVID-19 crisis has worsened around the country, with hospitals experiencing deeper strain in unvaccinated areas of the South. Mississippi reported that 35 medical centers are completely out of intensive care unit beds, Arkansas topped its pandemic record for COVID admissions, and the average number of people hospitalized nationwide has returned to levels not seen since February. More patients are being parked in emergency rooms while they wait for beds to open up and the average number of daily deaths is now above 500.

The country is averaging about 108,000 new infections and 700,000 vaccines administered a day.

Austin said the military services will have the next few weeks to prepare, determine how many vaccines they need, and how this mandate will be implemented. The additional time, however, also is a nod to the bitter political divide over the vaccine and the knowledge that making it mandatory will likely trigger opposition from vaccine opponents across state and federal governments, Congress and the American population.

Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said Monday that he believes the military has enough vaccines to meet the requirements. He added, "You can consider this memo not just a warning order to the services but to the troops themselves."

Democratic and Republican leaders of the House Armed Services

Committee said vaccines have proven effective.

"Some may try and criticize the Secretary's decision, using anti-vax arguments that are not supported by facts or science to politicize the conversation. These desperate attention seekers must be ignored," said Rep. Adam Smith, D-Wash., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Ala., said the vaccine will help protect troops who live in cramped conditions and don't have the option to telework.

Rep. Mark Green, R-Tenn., however, said Austin should not mandate a vaccine that doesn't have full FDA approval. "Wearing our country's uniform does not mean our service members sign away the right to make personal medical decisions," he said.

The decision will add the COVID-19 vaccine to a list of other inoculations that service members are already required to get. Depending on their location, service members can get as many as 17 different vaccines.

Austin's memo also said that in the meantime, the Pentagon will comply with Biden's order for additional restrictions on unvaccinated federal personnel, including masks, social distancing and travel limits.

According to the Pentagon, more than 1 million troops are fully vaccinated and another 237,000 have received one shot. But the military services vary widely in their vaccination rates.

The Navy said that more than 74% of all active duty and reserve sailors have been vaccinated with at least one shot. The Air Force, meanwhile, said that more than 65% of its active duty and 60% reserve forces are at least partially vaccinated, and the number for the Army appears closer to 50%.

Military officials have said the pace of vaccines has been growing across the force, with some units—such as sailors deploying on a warship—seeing nearly 100% of their members get shots. But the totals drop off dramatically, including among the National Guard and Reserve, who are much more difficult to track.

USCIS

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ment of Homeland Security and USCIS in federal court for rejecting their applications back in Feb. 21.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona of the District Court for the NMI approved the stipulation and issued an order dismissing the lawsuit without prejudice last Monday.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mikel W. Schwab, who represents the defense, said five of the applicants accomplished the refiling of their applications and were successful in having those applications accepted by USCIS.

The approved applications belonged to Christine C. Pramis, Christopher R. Manalo, Cesar G. Lopez, Aliilua Panapa Peteru, and Veisia Tilisa Peteru.

"Having accomplished the re-processing of the applications, the United States believes the complaint and filings in this case are thereby moot," Schwab said.

As for the remaining plaintiffs

(Pacífico C. Rivera, Ferdinand D. Arago, Anthony M. Alegre, and Nimfa T. Tan) and intervenors, their applications for long-term resident status have been accepted by USCIS for refiling.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, back in Feb. 21, nine of the plaintiffs sued U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and then-acting USCIS director Tracy Renaud for rejecting the plaintiffs' long-term CNMI residency applications.

Steven Pixley, who represented the plaintiffs, said his clients were seeking narrow relief of an order from the court mandating that the respondents process their applications that were wrongfully rejected.

The nine plaintiffs were later joined by Samam Chaikhamjan, Kraisorn Chaijaroen and Crispino Rivera who were represented by attorney Joseph Horey, and by Maria Gloria Balila who was represented by attorney Joe W. McDoulett. The four filed a motion to intervene in the civil complaint.

TRIP

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will give travel agents in Korea more time to properly promote the Marianas.

The board also noted that the decision to provide more time for the TRIP program is a result of the growing number of vaccinations in Korea, an anticipated demand for travel during the Korean Chuseok holiday in September, and interest expressed by other airlines to fly to the Marianas.

In addition, with the end of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance fast approaching, MVA wants to see more businesses reopen.

"Our first priority is to maintain community safety, and we are very confident with the protocols and guidelines established by the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. and the COVID-19 Task Force. Second to that is for our businesses to reopen so our people can return to work and have a source of income to feed their families and pay their bills when PUA ends," she said.

"We are pleased to see more businesses reopening and people returning to work because of the program. It's really a light at the end of the

tunnel for our community members who have been able to return to work because more businesses have reopened their doors. While most of the arriving passengers have been returning residents availing of the flights, we are extending the program so we can continue to slowly restore tourism through the end of the year," she added.

The program, which started on July 17 with the Familiarization Tour, supports weekly flights from Seoul-Incheon to Saipan by Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, and T'Way Air.

The program also supports the full operation of Pacific Islands Club Saipan as the hybrid quarantine resort, where all arriving TRIP and Travel Bubble passengers will first quarantine, and two corridor hotels where passengers can stay after quarantine, Kensington Hotel Saipan and Saipan World Resort.

MVA said it remains in constant communication with CHCC and the COVID-19 Task Force to ensure all the necessary precautions are taken to protect the community with this extension.

"As long as we continue to respond proactively and quickly as the COVID situation changes, we anticipate the program to be a success in terms of community safety," she said.

Child care services for eligible NMTI student parents

The Northern Marianas Technical Institute has worked out an arrangement with the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Child Care Development Fund that would allow NMTI's eligible student parents to avail of the CCDF's child care services so they can better focus on pursuing a trades education.

The child care services will be available for NMTI's upcoming school year, which begins on Aug. 18. Those interested in

seeing if they and their children are eligible for the CCDF's services can pick up CCDF applications at NMTI's administrative office in Lower Base.

According to NMTI's student services and curriculum coordinator Meena Benavente last Thursday, CCDF's services are available for children from the ages of 6 weeks to 12 years old. Benavente said the finer details of the NMTI-CCDF arrangement are still in the works, but was able to

share to the best of her knowledge that CCDF has its own dedicated child care facilities, and that relatives of student parents can go through a pro-

cess to apply to become official caretakers of the children.

Benavente and most of NMTI's staff are parents themselves and see the importance of ensuring that children are taken care of while parents go to work and/or school.

"A lot of the staff here at NMTI are parents, so we really understand the importance of making sure that our children are under care. We still have a bit more information to learn to be very familiar with [the CCDF's] program

and services. ...Students who are parents or members in our community who know a student who has children going to NMTI can definitely ask for the [CCDF] application to see their eligibility," said Benavente. *(Joshua Santos)*

NMC students seeking financial aid are urged to avail of FAFSA

New college students who are looking to access federal financial aid for the Northern Marianas College's fall and spring semesters are encouraged to file a 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA. Students should submit a FAFSA before the fall semester starts on Aug. 16, 2021.

Qualified students can receive up to \$6,495 in federal financial aid for the academic year. The Federal Financial Aid program is administered by the U.S. Department of Education.

Through the program's various types of grants, loans, and scholarships, the Federal Financial Aid program is the largest financial aid provider

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The FAFSA is available online at fafsa.ed.gov and can also be completed by using the myStudentAid smartphone app available for iOS and Android. NMC's school code is 015746.

To verify eligibility for Pell Grants, applicants can contact the NMC Financial Aid Office

through email at fao@marianas.edu or call 237-6791. Applicants can also stop by the Financial Aid Office from 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

For more information about the fall 2021 semester, contact the Office of Admissions and Records at oar@marianas.edu or visit www.marianas.edu. *(NMC)*

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SINMI monthly meeting tomorrow

The Soroptimist International-Northern Mariana Islands Chapter will hold its monthly luncheon meeting tomorrow, Aug. 12, 2021, at noon at Island Cafe on Middle Road. We will meet in the private room at the back of the restaurant. Join us to further our work for the "Best for Women" in the CNMI. For further information, contact Donna Krum 783-1900. *(PR)*

Al-Anon Family Support Group meeting

If your life has been affected by someone else's alcohol or drug use, the Al-Anon Family Support Group can help. The group meets on Saturdays at 10:15am at Paradise Dental Spa on Middle Road. For questions, call or text 783-1900. *(PR)*

Power outage on Rota this Friday

There will be a scheduled power interruption on Rota this Friday, Aug. 13, 2021, from 8am to 12pm. The affected area will be partial of Sinapalo I (residences of Richard Manglona, Danny Kent King, and Pedro Dela Cruz).

The purpose of the power interruption is to isolate the affected area to safely install primary lines and to replace pole hardware to upgrade the power system on Feeder 2 for more reliable services.

For more information, contact the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Rota Office at 532-9411/4 or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilities-Corporation/>). *(PR)*

Free webinars on federal contracting

The Guam Procurement Technical Assistance Center is offering free live webinars for August 2021. Webinars run from 10am to 11:30am and will be conducted via Zoom. Links to the live webinar and the webinar evaluation will be emailed to all registered attendees 15 minutes before the start of the webinar.

■ Aug. 12 - **Federal Contract Opportunities** - SAM.gov is the portal for federal contract opportunities. The Guam PTAC will show you how to use the website to ensure you do not miss any opportunities. Types of opportunities, search filters, and search strategies will be discussed.

■ Aug. 19 - **Cybersecurity: Federal Contractor Responsibilities** - The Department of Defense is requiring cybersecurity certification for vendors. We will discuss the best way to comply with DOD's requirement. The upcoming Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification and the DFARS Interim Rule will be discussed.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE)
GUARDIANSHIP OF:) FCD-GU
Elphidia A. Manalo) CIVIL ACTION
An Incompetent Person) NO. 21-0294

By:)
Richard Jessie A. Manalo) **NOTICE OF**
Courtney Renay A. Agulto) **HEARING**
Petitioners)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian for the above-named by Richard Jessie Abad Manalo / Courtney Renay A. Agulto, Petitioners, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court and is open for review at the Office of the Clerk of Court in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A HEARING of said Petition for Guardianship will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at the CNMI Judiciary before Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Jenorio on the 4th day of October, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 217A or as soon as thereafter.

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Torres disapproves bill that would OK projects in conservation areas on Rota

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 REPORTER

Citing constitutional issues raised by the attorney general, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has vetoed a Senate local bill that seeks to amend the prohibitions of certain activities within the conservation areas of Sabana Heights, Talakhaya, and I Chenchon Park on Rota.

Torres recently informed Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) and Rota Legislative Delegation co-chairs Sen. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota) and Rep. Donald M. Manglona (Ind-Rota) that he disapproved Senate Local Bill 22-2, D1, which the delegation had just passed.

The governor noted that this local bill encroaches on the authority of the Department of Natural Resources and its accompanying regulations in the NMI Administrative Code. He said the exercise of DLNR's authority over conservation areas and activities is firmly committed to the discretion of the DLNR secretary as out-

lined in Commonwealth law and does not require the approval of the Rota Legislative Delegation or the Rota Municipal Council.

Torres said if the authority of the DLNR secretary over conservation areas is to be restricted—as contemplated in Senate Local Bill 22-2, D1—the entire CNMI Legislature should enact a Commonwealth law to make such changes in DLNR's jurisdiction. The governor said the enactment of a local bill cannot override the authority and jurisdiction given to DLNR under Commonwealth law.

Furthermore, Torres said, under the Local Law Act, although local delegations may enact several types of conservation measures, they cannot contravene Commonwealth law. He said local bills on conservation matter must be more restrictive than Commonwealth law.

Santos, who introduced the bill, stated in the legislation that, although the conservation area is important and the

protection of the aquifer is equally important, the delegation also finds it is important to allow carefully-planned projects that have minimal impact on the conservation area and the aquifer. Santos said the purpose of the bill is to exempt certain projects within the conservation area.

Under the bill, the DLNE secretary, director of Fish and Wildlife, and DLNR's Rota resident director shall allow the development of some municipal projects within Sabana Heights, Talakhaya, and I Chenchon Park but will develop plans and procedures to reasonably minimize the impacts on the plants, wildlife, soil, rocks, landscape, and the aquifer. The proposed projects include:

- Installation of the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services-Rota Emergency Repeater System;
- Department of Public Safety-Rota Shooting Range expansion and improvement;
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Counting breakthrough cases is key

Back in May when coronavirus case counts were swiftly declining and confidence was high that we might finally be near the end of this terrible pandemic, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention quit routinely tracking what was then a very small number of breakthrough virus infections in people who were fully vaccinated.

May seems like a long time ago now.

As the delta variant of the virus is now dominant in the United States and pushing at a swift pace case counts to levels we haven't seen since spring, public health officials now are missing a key metric in the ongoing fight to stop the coronavirus. How many of these infections are occurring in people who have been vaccinated?

What's worse is that while most states continued publicly tracking breakthrough infections even after the CDC dropped that practice except in cases of hospitalization and death, Pennsylvania is one of the few states that followed the federal agency's lead. This must be addressed immediately. Pennsylvania must tally breakthrough cases and, equally important, encourage testing among vaccinated people who suspect they are infected.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, accurate and timely data about the spread of the coronavirus has been one of the most important tools for keeping the public safe.

And accurate, detailed data about the current infections in the state—including whether they are occurring in vaccinated people—will help us figure out whether another of the most important tools, the vaccine, is protecting us adequately.

It is reasonable to expect that Pennsylvania's breakthrough case rates are similar to those in states that have been tracking the infections. That means breakthrough cases likely represent only a very small portion of cases and that unvaccinated Pennsylvanians still face the biggest risk. In New Jersey, for instance, breakthrough cases account for about 0.05% of coronavirus cases.

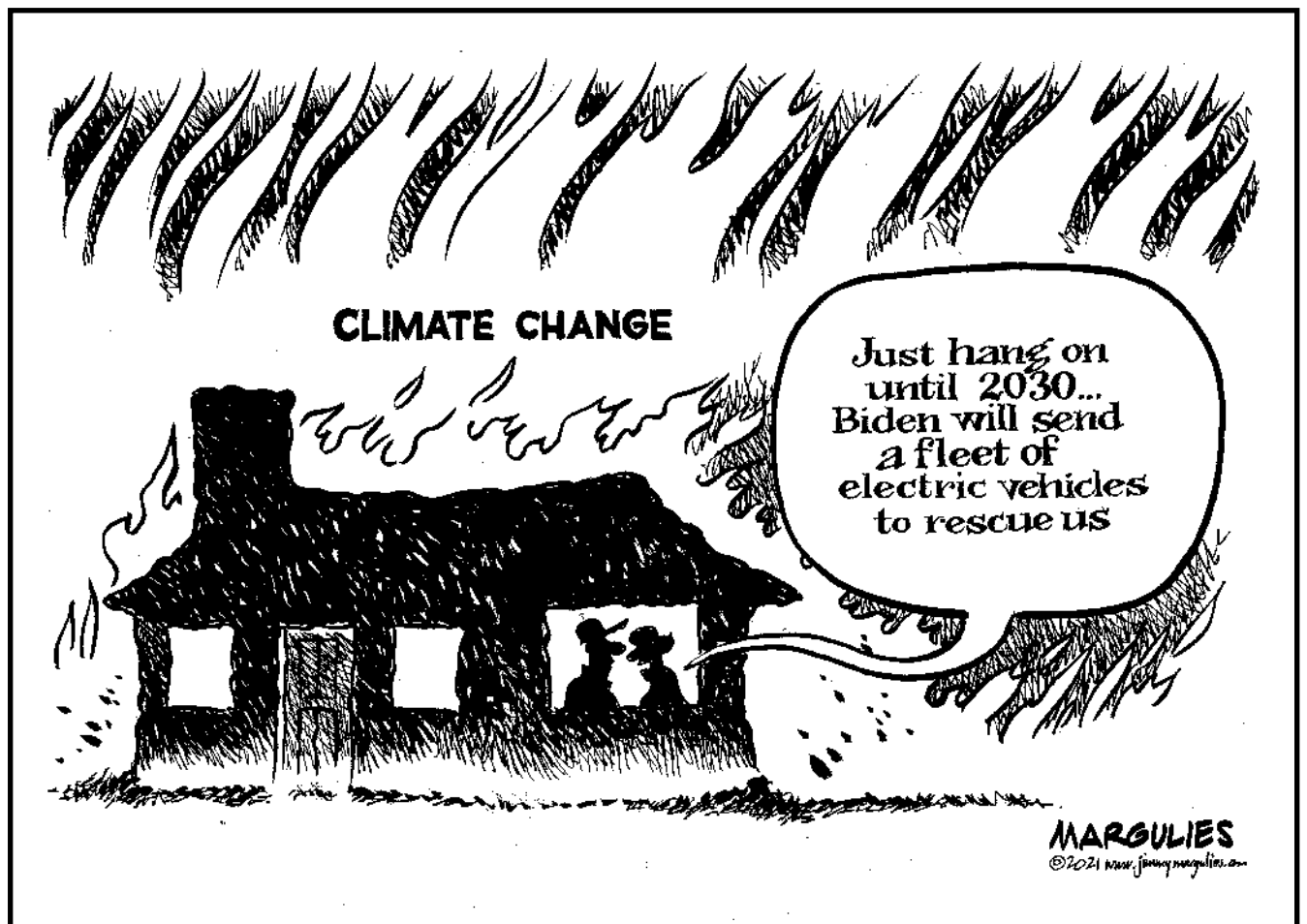
The recent surge in infections is the inevitable consequence of failing to vaccinate more of the state's residents. But as we must frustratingly return to the days of anxiously watching case counts rise and weighing risks and smart public-health policies, we must have a complete set of data with which to work.

The timing is especially critical as students—many of them too young to be vaccinated—are about to head back to full classrooms for a new school year.

Even if the state and federal government health officials had been counting reported breakthrough cases, public health experts believe those numbers would be an undercount as many vaccinated people who get sick experience mild symptoms or no symptoms at all. These patients are less likely to seek out virus tests or land in a doctor's office or hospital where their cases might be counted. Yet, they can be passing the sickness.

Pennsylvania must ramp up a more robust tracking and public reporting system for coronavirus cases and the state must immediately add breakthrough cases to that data. More information is more power in the war against this pandemic.

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Climate change is a problem that can't be put off

GORDON BAY, Ontario—Two weeks ago, one of America's best-known climate scientists set off onto Ontario's Lake Joseph for an evening of stargazing, as she had almost every summer of her life.

From her boat, the night sky, which should have been brilliant, was obscured by smoke.

"It was a clear night, but you couldn't see the stars," said Katharine Hayhoe, the Canadian-born chief scientist of the Nature Conservancy. "The sky was bronze. The lake was bronze. You could smell smoke. We're not used to that here."

In Canada, as in the United States, this has been a summer of catastrophic wildfires, from British Columbia and the Yukon east to Manitoba and Ontario.

More than 13,000 square miles of Canadian wildlands have burned this year, more than twice the 20-year average for this point in the calendar—and more than twice the area that has burned in the United States, according to government statistics.

The smoke has drifted as far east as New York, where the brown haze helped give Manhattan its worst air quality in 15 years.

Environmentalists have long warned that Canada's vast boreal forest was becoming drier and more flammable, but few had expected a fire season as explosive as this or focused on the degree to which climate change would bring California-scale fire dangers to Canada's north.

"We've paid attention to other signs of warming," said Hayhoe, who was born in Toronto but now lives in Texas. "The seasons have been shifting, invasive species are coming in, we've seen flooding in Toronto and Ottawa. But nobody's talked about wildfires before."

For Canada, the implications are dire: ravaged towns, lost timberlands, unhealthy air and lost habitat in North America's most important breeding ground for migratory birds.

But the impact on the rest of the globe could be greater.

By most estimates, the boreal forests that stretch from Alaska to eastern Canada and across Siberia absorb more carbon dioxide—the main cause of global warming—than the Amazon and other tropical forests.

Fires occur naturally in the north; they're part of the forest lifecycle. But scientists say this year's blazes, made more intense by hot weather and drought, are abnormal and more dangerous.

"When fires get intense or burn hot due to drought, combustion often removes most or all organic matter in the ecosystem," said Merritt Turetsky, director of the University of Colorado's Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research.

After high-intensity fires, "vegetation is slower to recover," she said. "We are starting to see happen more, as a result of cli-

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mate change, the creation of what look like moonscapes."

Which means some of the capacity of the northern forest to absorb greenhouse gases may be lost for a long time even as smoke from the fires worsens global warming in the short run.

In that sense, Canada's fires affect Americans as much as Canadians.

There's no easy policy solution.

Canada already requires its timber industry, an important part of its economy, to practice sustainable forestry; loggers replant as many acres as they cut.

The only long-term answer to the problem is the difficult one you already know: serious efforts to slow global warming through reduced emission of greenhouse gases, especially from fossil fuels.

And on that, Canada—even though its economy depends more on oil and gas than the United States—is ahead.

It has a national carbon tax, an idea that once had some bipartisan support in the United States but never enough to pass.

Canada's tax adds about 22 cents (U.S.) to the price of every gallon of gasoline; Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has promised to increase the rate to a whopping \$1.22 a gallon by 2030. Most of the revenue is returned to taxpayers; the purpose of the tax is to act as a disincentive to fuel consumption.

Even the opposition Conservative Party has accepted a carbon tax in principle, although it says Trudeau's proposed increases are too big. Conservative leader Erin O'Toole warned his party this spring that it could not "ignore the reality of climate change" if it hoped to win—a contrast to conservatives in the U.S.

Polls suggest that O'Toole's political judgment is correct: Canadians are more worried about climate change than Americans.

They've already absorbed the lesson of this summer's wildfires:

The effects of global warming are no longer confined to a few vulnerable regions. They're visible from the Pacific Northwest to eastern Canada, from Siberia to southern Europe and South Asia.

It is a problem that can no longer be deferred—in Canada, California or anywhere else.

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Delta has changed the game; it's time to embrace a national vaccine verification system

In April, as COVID-19 was on the decline in the U.S., and our collective optimism about the pandemic's end was palpable, the Biden administration insisted that there would be no federal vaccinations database and no federal mandate requiring a single vaccination credential. Such vaccine verification—the so-called “vaccine passport”—is politically fraught, much like everything else surrounding this pandemic. Today, 20 Republican-controlled states prohibit proof-of-vaccination requirements, and only four states, California, New York, Hawaii and Oregon, have created vaccine verification systems.

The virus that these states and the federal government were legislating for is a thing of the past, however. The delta variant of SARS-CoV-2 is so much more infectious than previous strains that it behaves in many ways like a different virus entirely. Yet, even as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention acknowledges that the war has changed, our thinking about vaccine verification has not.

When the CDC recommended in May that fully vaccinated people didn't need to wear masks in most settings, businesses in most states were forced to trust that those not wearing masks in their establishments were indeed vaccinated; there is no way to tell vaccinated and unvaccinated people apart. Where mask mandates persisted, confrontations with patrons who didn't want to wear them have been unpleasant at best and dangerous at worst. The vaccine “honor code” that some thought would be sufficient to encourage masking by people who hadn't yet been vaccinated has failed, and our collective move away from masking likely accelerated the spread of delta.

In June, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission advised that employers can require employees to get a COVID-19 vaccine or bar them from the office. To encourage vaccinations among their employees and ensure a safe return to in-person work, Google, Facebook, Netflix and Disney; the state of California, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Armed Forces and the entire civilian federal workforce announced that they will require vaccines for those who return to in-person work. Historically, vaccine mandates have worked to stamp out infectious diseases like smallpox and polio. But mandates are only as effective as the systems in place to monitor adherence; as the adage says: “trust, but verify.” And, unfortunately, the easily forged vaccine cards we all received when getting our shots won't cut it.

The University of Maryland, where I teach, is one of more than 600 universities that decided to require vaccination for students, staff and faculty returning in-person to campus in the fall. I've watched my university implement vaccine verification over the past months, and I can attest that it is no small feat for even a large organization such as ours. It is nearly impossible for small or medium-sized businesses or other places where people gather to take on the herculean task of vaccine verification. And this is precisely where our national stance on vaccine verification, and the federal government's non-involvement in developing a trusted system, fails.

Though vaccine verification is contentious at home, the rest of the world is already embracing it, and the EU provides a good model for what our own system might look like. In fact, the EU Digital COVID Certificate allows users to verify not only that

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they have been vaccinated, but also whether they received a negative test result or recently recovered from COVID-19, since not being vaccinated shouldn't bar you from participating in public life if you take the necessary precautions to keep others around you safe.

The EU certificate is free, secure and also available in a paper format for those who don't have a smartphone. Most importantly, the certificate is the basis for policies being enacted across the EU requiring verification of a vaccine or negative test for access to restaurants, bars, trains and planes, inspiring confidence in a return to public life and restarting the economy while at the same time protecting the vulnerable.

With vaccine mandates becoming an increasingly essential tool to combat COVID in the U.S., it's time the federal government implemented a national vaccine verification system that we can trust and is accessible to all. There's too much at stake to expect businesses and individual states to handle this piecemeal on their own. In the face of the more infectious Delta variant, our return to public life depends on it.

Biden hurts America by supposedly helping renters

Although trying to sound nice and balanced about it, President Joe Biden has snubbed a Supreme Court decision, an act of executive autocracy meant to temporarily prevent the evictions of renters not able to pay their rent. Here is something that sounds benevolent but is an outright smack in the face of thousands and a tragedy for America, one more instance of rule of law taking second place to political connivance.

The whole thing originally came our way through the Trump administration, which in and of itself is enough to make some shiver. Still, the idea was well-intended—to provide truly desperate renters throughout the nation with \$46.5 billion so they and their children could pay their rent during this pandemic emergency and not be homeless wanderers especially vulnerable to COVID-19. The problems with this have been manifold.

To begin with, getting the money from the feds to the states to renters and then to the landlords was complicated beyond bureaucratic means of solution and has seen just \$3 billion of the allocation. Renters often did not receive the money they thought they would get and neither did hordes of landlords consequently facing bankruptcy. The new plan hopes to fix the money flow as it will also criminalize landlords who evict when told otherwise, going beyond the rules devised in the early going by cities and states.

Not all impoverished renters have been happy with the program

and there are certainly landlords displeased about not yet receiving promised cash. People may think of landlords as the rich and infamous, but they are those being especially smacked. Many it is noted are simply families trying to make a buck that is no longer available. They can suffer as much as renters and some may have to sell their property, another way of leaving tenants homeless.

The broader issue is that the Centers for Disease Control, in instituting the program, relied on a 1944 law that allowed no such thing. Well, yes, if you jumbled the words and exercised your imagination, you could pretend that it did. But when the timeline on the program ran out and CDC sought an extension, the Supreme Court saw through to the truth. The justices still decided to extend the program long enough for Congress to pass a law making it legal. Largely because of laxity, Republican opposition and an upcoming recess, Congress did not act and the Supreme Court ruling said no law, no additional extension.

After saying he would not, Biden acted anyway. He admitted he was likely wrong but still had found a constitutional scholar or maybe more who said he might get away with it. The pressure from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other Democrats who put power before principle and electoral victory before the national good had been insurmountable. Their fear was that Democrats would be publicly blamed for the fix renters were in. What they should be blamed for is threatening our political system.

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Please grant, for instance, that central government is not the answer to everything and anything. States and cities, a number doing fine financially, should have been allowed to act or not act on their own. Next, every time politicians ignore the separation of powers, they consolidate power. Keep ignoring the Supreme Court and someday you won't have one. This hit was also on Congress, which is supposed to be the branch of government that writes the law. We now have what's called the administrative state in which regulations supplant that function and presidents jump in with illegitimate demands called executive orders.

Biden tells us the measure this time out will apply to only that part of the nation suffering most from COVID-19, about 90 percent of the whole. What we have in this president is something like 10 percent of what many surely wanted.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Si yu'us ma'ase!

On July 23, 2021, I lost my son, Ivan James Alafanso Blanco.

The loss of a child is the worst trauma a parent can face. Even at 45 years old, even with his personal and career successes, even with the respect he had in government, Ivan was still my beloved child. Jimbo, I called him.

But I am writing now not to mourn my son, nor to ask for your condolences. I have mourned and will always mourn, and the community has given me an outpouring of condolences from the Marianas and throughout Micronesia.

I am writing to thank all of you who accepted Ivan into your lives and your hearts over these 40-some years. I am grateful to

the friends Ivan made during his years on Saipan, friends who always treated him as one of their own, even when he came back to Saipan after 30 years away. I am also grateful to Ivan's colleagues in government who recognized the genuine goodness in Ivan, and who respected his intelligence and integrity beyond the daily political squabbles.

I thank also those who criticized Ivan, and kept him on his toes. I was his first critic, and I am glad I was not his last. As his father, I can only apologize on his behalf to anyone he slighted. Please know that Ivan held no malice in his heart, the heart that so suddenly stopped beating that Friday afternoon.

I thank the brave first responders at the Department of Public Safety and medical staff at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. who went beyond the call of duty and truly did everything possible to revive Ivan's heart and try to save Ivan's life. God had other plans for him, but I will always be grateful to you for trying

to extend Ivan's stay with us in this world. Ivan is now with his beloved son, Pierre, leaving behind his other children: Lily, JC, Kide, and Paige, as well as Ivan's wife, his beloved Carmen.






Most of all, I thank Ivan's wife, Carmen Sablan Blanco. Ivan was a great man, but not a perfect man. None of us are. Carmen was by his side at every moment, and Ivan's personal and political successes only happened with her tremendous love for Ivan and her belief in his life mission. Ivan's heart was always hers.

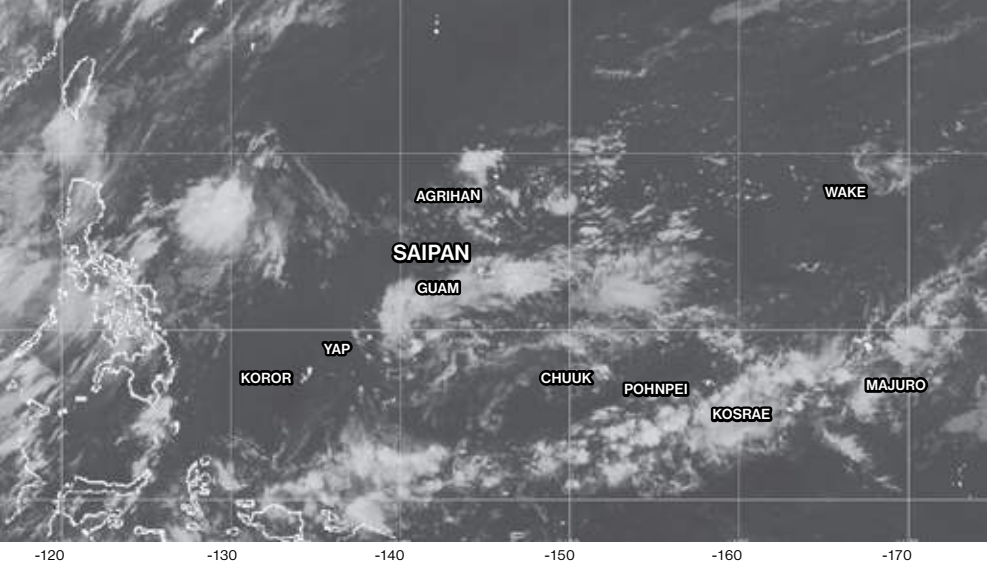
As you remember Ivan's life, I ask that you also remember my great thanks for having supported Ivan throughout his life. As you mourn him, don't shy away from celebrating Ivan's life, his heart, and the support you always gave his endeavors.

Juan Diego Camacho Blanco

*Father of Ivan James Alafanso Blanco
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The Weather

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Satellite shows an upper-level low near 18N150E, northeast of the forecast zones. Guam Doppler weather radar indicates scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near the Guam and Rota Waters, especially south of Guam. The Ipan buoy reveals combined seas of 3 to 5 feet, composed mainly of east swell and wind waves, now that the west swell is fading.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html>
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
 - Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
 - Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20

seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mp and, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

Source: Office of the Governor

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Guam and Rota	Mostly cloudy	83 / 90 °F	
Palau	Partly sunny	80 / 86 °F	
Yap	Afternoon clouds	75 / 90 °F	
Chuuk	Heavy rain	80 / 87 °F	
Pohnpei	Afternoon clouds	76 / 88 °F	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	82 / 86 °F	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	82 / 87 °F	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:01 AM	6:42 PM
Thursday	6:01 AM	6:42 PM
Friday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM
Saturday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM
Sunday	6:02 AM	6:40 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	8:10 AM	8:51 PM	-
Thursday	9:04 AM	9:31 PM	-
Friday	9:59 AM	10:12 PM	-
Saturday	10:54 AM	10:54 PM	-
Sunday	11:51 AM	11:40 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Mostly cloudy	52 / 56 °F	
Beijing	Partly cloudy	73 / 91 °F	
Hong Kong	Strong thunderstorms	79 / 82 °F	
Honolulu	Mostly sunny	74 / 83 °F	
London	Morning clouds	64 / 72 °F	
Los Angeles	High level clouds	67 / 80 °F	
Manila	Partly sunny	80 / 90 °F	
Melbourne	Mostly sunny	45 / 53 °F	
Miami	High level clouds	83 / 88 °F	
New York	Mostly sunny	67 / 80 °F	
Osaka	Partly sunny	73 / 92 °F	
Paris	Mostly cloudy	65 / 75 °F	
Pusan	Partly cloudy	79 / 88 °F	
Rome	Sunny	66 / 94 °F	
Salem	Sunny	53 / 82 °F	
San Francisco	Morning clouds	55 / 69 °F	
Seoul	Morning clouds	74 / 89 °F	
Tokyo	Mostly cloudy	76 / 87 °F	
Washington, DC	Partly cloudy	71 / 83 °F	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
3:36 AM	Low Tide	1.17	
8:40 AM	High Tide	2.03	
3:44 PM	Low Tide	0.08	
10:22 PM	High Tide	2.06	

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 1, 2021

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	9:15am	9:55am	2, 4, 5, 7	UA174	4:50am	5:50am	1, 3, 6
UA117	6:30am	7:10am	1, 3, 6	UA174	7:30am	8:11am	2, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA117/183	6:30am	8:50pm	2, 5 via Guam	UA184/174	9:50pm	5:50am+1	2, 5 via Guam
UA117/183	6:30am	9:10pm	3, 6, 7 via Guam	UA184/174	10:25pm	8:11am+1	3, 6, 7 via Guam
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-GUAM			
UA183	6:55pm	8:50pm	2, 5	UA184	9:50pm	4:00am+1	2, 5
UA183	7:15pm	9:10pm	3, 6, 7	UA184	10:25pm	4:40am+1	3, 6, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. (*The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.*)

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.				
FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2021				
SAIPAN TO ROTA				
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	
1301	8:30AM	9:00AM	Daily	1202 8:00 8:15 Daily
1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Daily	1203 9:00 9:15 Daily
1303	1:30PM	2:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri	1204 10:00 10:15 Daily
1304	3:30PM	4:00PM	Daily	1205 11:00 11:15 Daily
				1206 12:00 12:15 Temporarily Unavailable
ROTA TO SAIPAN				
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	
3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Daily	1207 13:00 13:15 Temporarily Unavailable
3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Daily	1208 14:00 14:15 Daily
3103	1:30PM	3:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri	1209 15:00 15:15 Daily
3104	4:30PM	5:00PM	Daily	1210 16:00 16:15 Daily
				1211 17:00 17:15 Daily
				1212 17:00 17:15 Temporarily Unavailable
ROTA TO GUAM				
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable	
GUAM TO ROTA				
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	
4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable	
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable	

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 • Telephone: (670) 664-2374 • Facsimile: (670) 664-2408

INVITATION FOR BIDS ITB21-GOV-143

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

Supply and Installation of Typhoon Shutters and Doors at the Office on Aging in Saipan

The project package will be available and may be obtained at the Hazard Mitigation Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan beginning Wednesday, July 28, 2021, during business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Monday through Friday, except on holidays) or electronic mail (request to Tiana Reyes; treyes@omb.gov.mp)

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001 and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Virginia C. Villagomez
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Secretary of Finance

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INVITATION FOR BIDS ITB No.: ITB21-GOV-132

SUBMISSION DATE: AUGUST 27, 2021 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

Supply and Installation of Typhoon Shutters and Doors at the Tinian Youth Center and Tinian Office on Aging

The project package will be available and may be obtained at the Hazard Mitigation Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan beginning Wednesday, July 28, 2021, during business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Monday through Friday, except on holidays) or electronic mail (request to Victor Cabrera; vacabrera@omb.gov.mp)

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public land in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

- The proposed lease of public land is described as Lot 012 E 02, containing an area of approximately 3,140 square meters, more or less, and Lot 012 E 03, containing an area of approximately 3,060 square meters, situated in Lower Base, Saipan. A map showing the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands and website www.dpl.gov.mp for inspection.
 - The prospective lessee is Ji Cheng (USA) Corporation. The lists of officers for Ji Cheng (USA) Corporation are Zuo, Lina, as President / Treasurer, Wang, Chun-Chi, as Vice President and Zhang Jun, as Secretary.
 - The proposed lease is compliant with DPL regulations and was negotiated by the officers and directors of Ji Cheng (USA) Corporation, mainly Zhang Jun.
 - The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of a business to produce stainless steel water tanks and build steel structure factory buildings.
- The term of the proposed lease agreement is 25 years.
- The proposed annual rental during the term of the lease agreement is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property plus the applicable percentage of Business Gross Receipts in DPL's regulation.
- A copy of the proposed lease agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; 1st floor of the De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the PM Building, Tinian. A copy will also be available online at www.dpl.gov.mp
 - The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Lower Base, Saipan.
 - The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before August 25, 2021 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NUTISIA PUT I MANMAPROPONI NA ATKILON NU TĀNU' PUPBLIKU

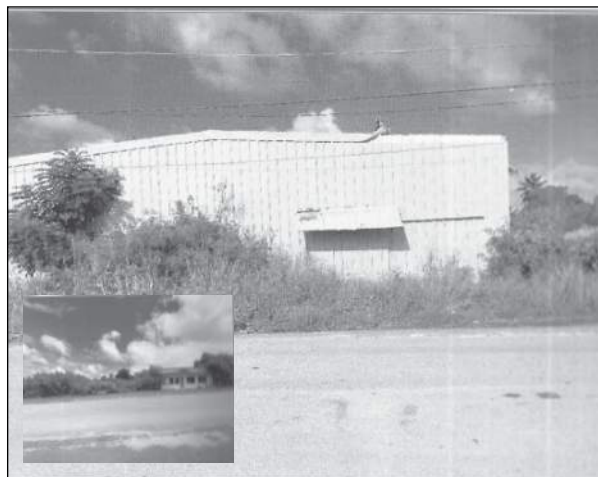
Sigun gi Seksiona 106 (b) gi Lain Pupbluku 15-2, i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbluku mannānā'i nutisia guini put i intension-ñiha para u ma'atklia metton na tanu' pupbluku giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Mariānas. Maseha hāyi na pattida ni intirisao gi halum henerat pupbluku siña muna'hālum upiñon, infotmasyon, pat testimonium kinontra gi tinahguin prinoponi siha para i atkilon nu i tanu' pupbluku. Kumu mapribeni mās mo'na ginin i Lain Pupbluku 15-2, i tinattituyi pettanesi na infotmasyon manisisisa para u mapupblika.

- I maproponi na atkilon tanu' pupbluku madiskribi kumu Lot 012 E 02, ni kunsissisti kasi 3,140 square meters, mās pat menus, yan Lot 012 E 03, ni kunsissisti kasi 3,060 square meters, ni gaigi gi hālum Lower Base, iya Saipan. I kopian pāttin i lugāt managuaha gi ufisinan Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbluku yan i website gi www.dpl.gov.mp para inspeksion.
 - I prospective lessee i Ji Cheng (USA) Corporation. I listan ufisiāt siha para i Ji Cheng (USA) Corporation si Zuo, Lina, komu Presidenti/Tresurāru, Wang, Chun-Chi, komu Sigundu Presidenti yan si Zhang Jun, komu Sekritāriu.
 - I maproponi na atkilon ha tattiyi i regulasion DPL siha yan ginin manegosiu ni manuñisiāt yan direktot nu Ji Cheng (USA) Corporation, mayumentu as Zhang Jun.
 - I lessee debi na u usa i lugāt put atyu ha' na rason nu i bisnis ni para u prudusi "stainless steel" na tānkin hānum yan hinātsan "steel structure factory buildings."
- I tema nu i maproponi na kontrātan atkilon sa bentsingku (25) āñus na tiempu.
- I maproponi na atkilon gi kada' sākkkan gi durāntin teman kontrātan i atkilon mapega gi putsientus nu i bālin "appraised fair market" i propiedāt yan i aplikao na putsientu nu i Business Gross Receipts gi halum i regulasion DPL.
- I kopian nu i maproponi na kuntrātan atkilon siña machuli' gi ufisinan i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbluku, ni gaigi gi sigundu (2nd) na bibiendan i Joeten Dandan Commercial Building iya Dandan, Saipan, primet (1st) na bibiendan i De'Ana Commercial Building, iya Songsong Village, Luta; osino i primet (1st) na bibiendan i PM Building, giya Tinian. I kopia managuaha lokku' "online" gi www.dpl.gov.mp
 - I Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbluku tāya marisibi ni hāfa na tinahguin inofresi siha ni para u ma'atklia i suhetu na tanu' pupbluku gi Lower Base, iya Saipan.
 - I Sekritārian Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbluku debi na u aksepta tinigi' upiñon, infotmasyon, testimonium kinontra pat tinahguin prinoponi siha ginin i manintirisao na pattida siha gi pat āntis di Agosto 25, 2021 gi ufisinan Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbluku siha ni gaigi giya Saipan, Luta pat Tinian.

ARONGORONG REEL MÁNGEMÁNGIL POMMWOL ATKILÓÓNOL FALUWEER TOULAP

Sángi Tálil 106 (b) reel Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap e attotoowow arongorong reel igha re mángemángil rebwe atklilaay akkáaw faluweer toulap lól Seipél, Commonwealth Téel Falúw kka Efang lól Marianas. Schóó kka re mwusichel isisilong kkapas, data, views, ngäre angingi reel pommwol atkilóónol faluweer toulap. Eyoor sáangi Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, arongorong ikka e amwirimwiritwib ebwe akkatéewow.

- Pommwol atkilóónol faluweer toulap e bwááól bwe Lot 012 E 02, e bwáá bwe 3,140 reel square meters, elapelól ngäre eghus, me Lot 012 E 03 e bwáá bwe 3,060 reel square meters, e lo Lower Base, Seipél. Pappidil falúw yeel eyoor me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap me bwal wóól website me www.dpl.gov.mp ngäre u mwusichel amwuri.
 - Pommwol schóól atkilóón nge Ji Cheng (USA) Corporation. List-al officers ngáli Ji Cheng (USA) Corporation nge Zuo, Lina bwe President/Treasurer, Wang, Chun-Chi, bwe Vice President me Zhang Jun, bwe Sekretoóriyo.
 - Pommwol atkilóón nge e angúúngú fengál me mwóghutughutúl DPL me e abwungubwung sáangi officers me directors sáangi Ji Cheng (USA) Corporation, spesiatmente Zhang Jun.
 - Schóól atkilóón ebwe yááyá falúw ngáli fféerúl "stainless steel water tanks" me káyúl "steel structure factory buildings". Pommwol abwungubwungúl Atkilóónol Faluweer Toulap nge reweigh me limoow (25) ráagh.
- Pommwol atkilóónol ghal ráagh atol abwungubwungúl atkilóón nge e lo reel "percentage" sáangi "appraised fair market value" reel falúw fengál me "applicable percentage of Business gross Receipts" lól mwóghutughutúl DPL.
- Pappidil pommwol abwungubwungúl Atkilóón emmwel ubwe bweibwogh mereel Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap, iye e lo 2nd floor reel Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Seipél; 1st floor reel De'Ana Commercial Building, apilómwol Songsong, me Luuta; ngäre 1st floor reel PM Building, Tchiliyól. Ebwal yoar pappidil mille online me www.dpl.gov.mp
 - Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap rese bweibwogh pommw iye re siiweli ngáli atkilóón iye e lo weiláng reel faluweer toulap me Lower Base, Seipél.
 - Sekretoóriyal Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap emmwelil bweibwogh ischil mángemáng, views, angii ngäre pommw iye re siiweli sáangi schóó kka re mwusichel wóól ngäre mmwalil Agosto 25, 2021 me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap me Seipél, Luuta, ngäre Tchiliyól.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES CUC-RAESP-21-030

A&E DESIGN SERVICES FOR AGINGAN WWTP IMPROVEMENTS (S20-080)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified Architectural and Engineering (A&E) firms for the Design Services of the Agingan Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements in Agingan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Proposers for this project must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The RAESP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one package set.

A Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference followed by site visits will be held on **July 26, 2021 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Proposal and One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Cost Proposal in a separate envelope must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RAESP-21-030, A&E Design Services for Agingan WWTP Improvements", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 16, 2021. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers who submit proposal determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. All proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from the proposal submitted by competing proposers.

All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proposers due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Consultant's preparation of a proposal under the contract. The RAESP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the statement of qualifications under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Consultants are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This RAESP and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 2, 2021** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Mr. Larry Manacop, CUC Water/Wastewater, Acting Chief Engineer – via email larry.manacop@cucgov.org; Westen Knudsen, Water/Wastewater Engineer – via email westen.knudsen@cucgov.org and Ms. Marcela Tenorio, Administrative Technician Senior – via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM B. GILMORE
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES CUC-RAESP-21-037

A&E SERVICES FOR TINIAN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) & ROTA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified Architectural and Engineering (A&E) firms for Preliminary Engineering Reports (PER) and Environmental Impact Assessment for Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTP) on Tinian and Rota. The services shall include preparation of the PER as per USDA RUS Bulletin 1780-2, an Environmental Assessment for submittal to the CNMI Coastal Resources Management (CRM) as a Major siting Permit Application.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior.

Prospective Proposers for this project must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The RAESP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Proposal and One (1) original and five (5) hard copies of the Cost Proposal in a separate envelope must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RAESP-21-037, A&E Services for Tinian Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) & Rota Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) – Preliminary Engineering Report & Environmental Impact Assessment", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 a.m., (ChST) on September 8, 2021. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers who submit proposal determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. All proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from the proposal submitted by competing proposers.

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GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

World

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UN scientists warn of worsening global warming

Plastic and other trash that got washed ashore on the Arabian Sea coast in Mumbai, India, Monday, Aug. 9, 2021.

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In this file photo dated Monday, July 19, 2021, a woman looks at cars and homes damaged after torrential rain caused flooding in Liege, Belgium.

AP PHOTO/VALENTIN BIANCHI



In this Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021 file photo, a floating dock sits on the lakebed of the Suesca lagoon, in Suesca, Colombia.

AP PHOTO/FERNANDO VERGARA



In this Sunday, Aug. 27, 2017, file photo, two kayakers try to beat the current pushing them down an overflowing Brays Bayou from Tropical Storm Harvey in Houston, Texas.

MARK MULLIGAN/HOUSTON CHRONICLE VIA AP



In this Friday, Aug. 6, 2021 file photo, smoke spreads over Paritha mountain during a wildfire in the village of Ippokratios Politia, Greece, about 35 kilometers (21 miles), north of Athens.

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This Thursday, July 15, 2021 file photo shows destroyed houses in Schuld, Germany. Due to heavy rains, the Ahr River dramatically flooded over its banks the previous evening.

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By SETH BORENSTEIN

AP SCIENCE WRITER

Earth is getting so hot that temperatures in about a decade will probably blow past a level of warming that world leaders have sought to prevent, according to a report released Monday that the United Nations called a “code red for humanity.”

“It’s just guaranteed that it’s going to get worse,” said report co-author Linda Mearns, a senior climate scientist at the U.S. National Center for Atmospheric Research. “Nowhere to run, nowhere to hide.”

But scientists also eased back a bit on the likelihood of the absolute worst climate catastrophes.

The authoritative Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, which calls climate change clearly human-caused and “unequivocal” and “an established

fact,” makes more precise and warmer forecasts for the 21st century than it did last time it was issued in 2013.

Each of five scenarios for the future, based on how much carbon emissions are cut, passes the more stringent of two thresholds set in the 2015 Paris climate agreement. World leaders agreed then to try to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) above levels in the late 19th century because problems mount quickly after that. The world has already warmed nearly 1.1 degrees Celsius (2 degrees Fahrenheit) since then.

Under each scenario, the report said, the world will cross the 1.5-degree-Celsius warming mark in the 2030s, earlier than some past predictions. Warming has ramped up in recent years, data shows.

“Our report shows that we need to be prepared for going into that level of warming in

the coming decades. But we can avoid further levels of warming by acting on greenhouse gas emissions,” said report co-chair Valerie Masson-Delmotte, a climate scientist at France’s Laboratory of Climate and Environment Sciences at the University of Paris-Saclay.

In three scenarios, the world will also likely exceed 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) over pre-industrial times—the less stringent Paris goal—with far worse heat waves, droughts and flood-inducing downpours unless there are deep emissions cuts, the report said.

“This report tells us that recent changes in the climate are widespread, rapid and intensifying, unprecedented in thousands of years,” said IPCC Vice Chair Ko Barrett, senior climate adviser for the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

With crucial international climate negotiations coming up in Scotland in November, world leaders said the report is causing them to try harder to cut carbon pollution. U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken called it “a stark reminder.”

The 3,000-plus-page report from 234 scientists said warming is already accelerating sea level rise and worsening extremes such as heat waves, droughts, floods and storms. Tropical cyclones are getting stronger and wetter, while Arctic sea ice is dwindling in the summer and permafrost is thawing. All of these trends will get worse, the report said.

For example, the kind of heat wave that used to happen only once every 50 years now happens once a decade, and if the world warms another degree Celsius (1.8 degrees Fahrenheit), it will happen twice every seven years, the report said.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Tita Travilla Gabredo

In her wew life, she will be greeted at the gates of heaven by her

Father:†Manuel S. Gabrido

Mother:†Gracia T. Gabrido

Brothers:†Henry T. Gabrido & Dante T. Gabrido

Extended Family:†Magdalena M. Cabrera & Marie Elaine Cabrera

Her memory will live on in the hearts and the lives of her:

Children:Christopher G. Cabrera

Marlon Dean G. Cabrera & Catherine Acera-Cabrera

Caleb Matthew Acera-Cabrera

Calen Marcel Acera-Cabrera

Cayli Mae Acera-Cabrera

Siblings & In-laws:Delma G. & Armando Cabrera and Family

Nenita G. & Tony Olimpo and Family

Ronnie T. And Aida Gabrido and Family.

Caretaker and Friend:Grace De Guia Enriquez

She is additionally survived by numerous family members (Uncles, Aunties, Cousins, Nephews, Nieces & Godchildren)

She will be greatly missed by her Marianas High School Dolphin family & Carmen Safeway Meitetsu family). Special acknowledgement to CHCC Oncology Department: Dr. Peter Brett, Jonathan Holloway, Alex Johanson, Mary Lou Stevens, Tasia S. Bocago, Nurses: Salome Castro, Angela Figueroa, Porsha Palacios, Maria Priest, Mary Quinn Rozkydal

On Saturday August 14th, 2021, her body will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home at 6:45am to San Antonio Parish. Last respects and viewing will be between 7:30am-8:30am. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am.

Your Thoughts, Presence And Especially Your Prayers Are Greatly Appreciated

Thank You, Si Yuus Macase and Maraming Salamat Po

THE FAMILY

Good Housekeeping

DESIGN RECIPES: Shades of gray

By CATHY HOBBS
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

There was a year when on all the runways, gray was the “it” color. You literally saw gray everywhere in fashion. Then there was the trickle-down to home decor.

Did gray ever go out of style?

The answer is no.

In fact, the color gray is hotter than ever, especially in home decor. Have you noticed that gray tends to be an extremely popular wall color choice?

Why? Because of its versatility and ability to blend with so many other colors.

When it comes to how and when to use the color gray, here are some top tips.

DO'S

- 1 Do blend tints, tones and shades of gray together in a single space.
- 2 Do use gray as an overall wall or

accent color.

- 3 Do look for ways to incorporate dominant furniture pieces in gray into a space such as a sofa or area rug.
- 4 Do consider gray if you are looking for a dark color shade that isn't quite as harsh as black.
- 5 Do pair gray with bright citrus colors such as green, yellow and chartreuse to help create an interesting sense of contrast.

DON'TS

- 1 Don't blend warm grays with cool grays. Cool grays have a lot of blue undertones, while warm gray has more tan and yellow. They don't always blend together.
- 2 Don't be afraid to use dark shades of gray like charcoal, which can often feel elegant.
- 3 Don't overlook opportunities to bring in gray accent pieces like

area rugs, side chairs and even lamp shades.

- 4 Don't use dark shades of gray in small rooms as dark colors can make small rooms feel smaller.
- 5 Don't be afraid to use gray in different rooms of the home, from social areas such as living rooms, to kitchens and bedrooms. Gray is a versatile color that can be used in almost any room of the house.

Why is gutter cleaning so important?

By TOM MOOR and JASON MICHAEL WHITE
ANGIE'S LIST

Gutters are an integral piece of your home's wellbeing. They serve to control the flow of rainwater to protect your roof, walls, foundation and landscape.

But when neglected, experts say gutters can turn from a necessity to a nightmare. A gutter clogged with leaves, sticks and other debris can cause a leaky roof or water damage to the interior or exterior of your home. Contractors say gunked-up gutters also make nice homes for pests, rodents, mold and honeycombs from bee infestations.

“If you let gutter cleaning go by the wayside, it can cost you hundreds or thousands of dollars,” says Jeff Lambert, a supervisor with The Gutter Man in Houston, Texas.

“Gutters are a potential bomb above your head full of insects and critters, if you let them stay out of sight, out of mind,” Lambert added.

How often should they be cleaned?

It depends largely on where you live

and, most importantly, how many trees are in your yard. Bob Vecchio, owner of The House Doctors in Cleveland, Ohio, recommends having gutters maintained in the spring and fall.

“I recommend people calling me in the fall when all of their leaves are down or almost down, Vecchio says. “In the springtime, maple trees get those little helicopters that go everywhere, including into your gutter.”

Vecchio says it's important to have a professional clean the downspouts as well because a clogged downspout “makes it hard for the rain to go down and that causes them to back up and overflow the gutter, which can cause damage to your home.”

You can judge how often to clean your gutters based on how often leaves in your area fall and the types of leaves, Lambert says.

“It should be on everyone's to-do list about every four months, depending on the tree climate,” he says. “In a high-yield environment, leaves fall all year-round. You can't wait until the last leaf falls.”

KITCHEN MAGIC

Jazzed-Up Grilled Chicken

Succulent grilled chicken gets amped-up with an array of summer produce, like juicy nectarines, crisp cucumber and sweet fresh corn.

- 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- Kosher salt
- Pepper
- 2 ripe nectarines or peaches
- 1/2 small red onion
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 small Kirby cucumber
- 1/2 cup fresh corn kernels
- 1/2 cup roughly chopped fresh basil

1. Heat grill to medium-high. Clean and lightly oil the grill.

2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the vinegar, 2 tablespoons oil, and 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Add the nectarines and onion and toss to combine; set aside.

3. Rub the chicken with the remaining tablespoon oil, season with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper, and grill until cooked

through or the internal temperature reaches 165 F, 4 to 6 minutes per side. Transfer to a platter.

4. Using a vegetable peeler, cut the cucumber into long, thin strips. Fold the cucumber, corn and basil into the nectarine mixture and spoon over the chicken. Serves 4.

Summertime Corn Chowder

- 6 ears corn, husks and silk removed
- 4 slices bacon, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 medium red onion, chopped
- 1 jalapeno chile, seeded and finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 pound (6 medium) red potatoes, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 cans (14 1/2 ounces each) chicken broth
- 2 cups half-and-half or light cream
- 2 small (8 ounces) ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped

- Thinly sliced basil leaves

1. Cut kernels from corn cobs (about 3 cups), reserving 3 corn cobs; discard remaining corn cobs.

2. In 5-quart Dutch oven, cook bacon over medium heat until browned. With slotted spoon, transfer bacon to paper towels to drain; crumble.

3. To bacon drippings in Dutch oven, add onion and jalapeno, and cook, stirring, until onion is tender, about 5 minutes. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Stir in flour, salt and pepper; cook, stirring, 1 minute.

4. Stir in potatoes, reserved corn cobs, broth and half-and-half; heat to boiling over high heat. Reduce heat; cover and simmer until potatoes are tender, 10 to 15 minutes.

5. Discard corn cobs; stir in reserved corn kernels and heat through. Transfer chowder to warm tureen. Stir in tomatoes and sprinkle with bacon and basil. Makes about 9 1/2 cups or 8 first-course servings.

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Life & Style

Epstein accuser sues Prince Andrew, citing sex assault at 17

One of Jeffrey Epstein's longtime accusers sued Prince Andrew on Monday, taking accusations that she has repeatedly publicly lodged against him, including that he sexually assaulted her when she was 17, to a formal venue.

Lawyers for Virginia Giuffre filed the lawsuit in Manhattan federal court, where Epstein was charged criminally with sex trafficking a month before he killed himself at age 66 in August 2019 in an adjacent federal jail where he was ordered to await trial.

Giuffre has repeatedly made her allegations against Epstein, his onetime girlfriend Ghislaine Maxwell,

and Andrew, but the lawsuit was the first time she has directly confronted Andrew in such a formal setting. It steps up public relations pressure on the prince, even if he remains beyond the reach of the courts.

In a statement, Giuffre said she was "holding Prince Andrew accountable for what he did to me."

"The powerful and rich are not exempt from being held responsible for their actions. I hope that other victims will see that it is possible not to live in silence and fear, but to reclaim one's life by speaking out and demanding justice," Giuffre said. "I did not come to this deci-

sion lightly," she added. "As a mother and a wife, my family comes first—and I know that this action will subject me to further attacks by Prince Andrew and his surrogates—but I knew if I did not pursue this action, I would be letting them and victims everywhere down."

In late 2019, Prince Andrew told BBC Newsnight that he never had sex with Giuffre, saying, "It didn't happen."

He said he has "no recollection" of ever meeting her and told an interviewer there are "a number of things that are wrong" about Giuffre's account, which alleges the en-

counter occurred in 2001.

"I can absolutely categorically tell you it never happened," Andrew said.

The interview was widely panned by critics who said Andrew seemed insensitive to Epstein's victims. Afterward, the prince quit royal duties.

Giuffre has long said Maxwell recruited her at age 17 to be sexually abused by Epstein and Maxwell from 1999 to 2002.

According to the lawsuit, which sought unspecified compensatory and punitive damages, the prince abused Giuffre on multiple occasions when she was under the age of 18.

During each of the alleged acts, Giuffre was given "ex-

press or implied threats" by Epstein, Maxwell, and/or Andrew to engage in sexual acts with the prince, the lawsuit said.

It said that she "feared death or physical injury to herself or another and other repercussions for disobeying" the trio because of their "powerful connections, wealth, and authority," the lawsuit said.

It said that on one occasion, the prince sexually abused her in Maxwell's London home when Epstein, Maxwell and Prince Andrew forced her to have sexual intercourse with the prince against her will.

On another occasion, the prince sexually abused Giuffre in Epstein's New York mansion when Maxwell forced Gi-

uffre and another victim to sit on Andrew's lap as he touched her, the lawsuit said.

The lawsuit also alleged that Andrew sexually abused Giuffre on Epstein's private island in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The lawsuit added that Andrew knew her age at the time based on communications with Epstein and Maxwell. It said he went ahead anyway "for the purpose of gratifying his sexual desires."

The lawsuit was brought under the Child Victims Act, a 2019 New York state law that allows victims to temporarily make legal claims of abuse that occurred when they were children regardless of when or how long ago the alleged abuse occurred. (AP)



Andrew

R Kelly jurors summoned for sex trafficking trial

NEW YORK (AP)—After several delays, the first phase of the sex trafficking trial of R&B hitmaker R. Kelly started Monday with jury selection in New York City.

Lingering health threats caused by the coronavirus pandemic and a shakeup of Kelly's defense team pushed the trial into the summer, nearly two years after he was charged with abusing women and girls for nearly two decades.

U.S. District Judge Ann Donnelly began questioning potential jurors about whether they can keep an open mind about Kelly two years after he was charged with abusing women and girls for nearly two decades. She reminded them the defendant was presumed innocent and that they should not be influ-

enced by any bad publicity Kelly has faced over the accusations.

The proceeding was being conducted amid pandemic precautions, restricting the press and the public to overflow courtrooms with video feeds. Much of the time, Kelly and potential jurors weren't clearly visible on the feeds and the audio was often faint.

More screening was set for Tuesday. It was unclear how long the process will take.

Kelly, 54, has been locked up since he was indicted, mostly housed in a federal jail in Chicago. He was moved last month to the federal Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn to face trial in a case that's further diminished his superstar status.



R Kelly

Robert Durst takes stand at his trial, denies killing friend

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Robert Durst took the stand at his California murder trial Monday and immediately denied killing his best friend, who prosecutors say was about to reveal to investigators his involvement in the 1982 disappearance of his wife.

"Bob, did you kill Susan Berman?" Durst's attorney Dick DeGuerin said to open the testimony of the 78-year-old New York real estate heir.

"No," Durst answered. "Do you know who did?" DeGuerin asked.

"No, I do not," answered Durst, who struggled to hear, strained to speak and appeared extremely frail as he sat in a wheelchair instead of a witness chair.

Berman was shot in the back of the head and killed in 2000 in her Los Angeles home. She had been Durst's best friend for decades and



New York real estate scion Robert Durst, 78, takes the stand and testifies in his murder trial at the Inglewood Courthouse on Monday, Aug. 9, 2021, in Inglewood, Calif. AP

acted as his de facto spokesman after the disappearance of his wife, Kathie, who was later declared dead, though no body was found.

Durst was arrested on a warrant in Berman's killing in New Orleans in 2015 on the eve of the airing of the final episode of "The Jinx," the HBO documen-

tary series about him in which Durst made several seemingly damning statements.

As he said he would when the trial began in Los Angeles Superior Court more than a year ago before the coronavirus forced a long delay, DeGuerin went through with the risky move of calling a

murder defendant to testify, just as he did with Durst at his 2003 Texas trial, when the wealthy heir was acquitted.

After asking him bluntly whether he had killed Berman, DeGuerin backtracked to the beginning of Durst's life.

Durst's mother died when he was 7 years old, either jumping or falling from the top of their home.

Durst testified that his grandfather woke him in the middle of the night to look at "mommy on the roof" just before her death.

Durst said his father, real estate magnate Seymour Durst, was determined to remain in the family home, no matter the trauma it caused him.

"I kept begging my father to move," Durst said, "but he never sold the house where his wife died."

Durst said he did all he could to get away after that.

Parents told that their son and his wife are swingers

DEAR ABBY: My son and his wife have been living with us for two and a half years so they can save for a house. Recently, my best friend told me that a mutual acquaintance spotted a picture of my son and his wife on a swinger website. At first I discounted it. Then I started noticing they were going out every Friday and Saturday night. My daughter-in-law was usually dressed provocatively, and they wouldn't get home until around 5 or 5:30 a.m. My husband and I are both Christians. Neither of us feel comfortable about the situation. What do you recommend we do?

INCREDULOUS IN TEXAS

DEAR INCREDULOUS: Your son and his wife are adults. You can't force them to live according to your religious beliefs. But neither do you have to give tacit consent and foster their living a life you do not approve of by turning a blind eye. Check the website for yourself. If what you heard is the gospel, it may be time your adult children made other living arrangements.

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DEAR ABBY: My friend "Lois" is in her 70s. She met a man on a dating site several years ago. I warned her he was a romance scammer, but she kept talking to him. She even sent him

a few hundred dollars. Since then, she talks to more than one stranger who I'm pretty sure are scammers as well.

Lois lives on Social Security, but sometimes comes into small windfalls from a stimulus or the sale of items. I suspect she's sending them money, too. She has been in a relationship with a man she lives with for several years. When I asked her how she would like it if he were doing the same thing, Lois told me she would stop. Now I see she is friends with three or four more strange men on Facebook! I don't know them, but they sometimes "like" things I post. (I will have to change my settings so that strangers can't see my posts.)

What's wrong with her? Does she like to pretend she is rich? They keep sending friend requests to me and my sister. Of course, we don't accept them. We have warned Lois about this, yet she continues to do the same thing. What can I do?

SEEING CLEARLY IN GEORGIA

DEAR SEEING CLEARLY: Lois is an adult. You have warned her that what she's doing is a mistake. It may be a waste of her money, but you can't control her behavior, so accept that fact and live your own life accordingly.

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DEAR ABBY: My friend's mom has been sick lately. She's on

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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oxygen and has a portable oxygen concentrator. I am also on oxygen. Would it be rude of me to ask for her mom's portable concentrator after she passes?

PRACTICAL IN CALIFORNIA

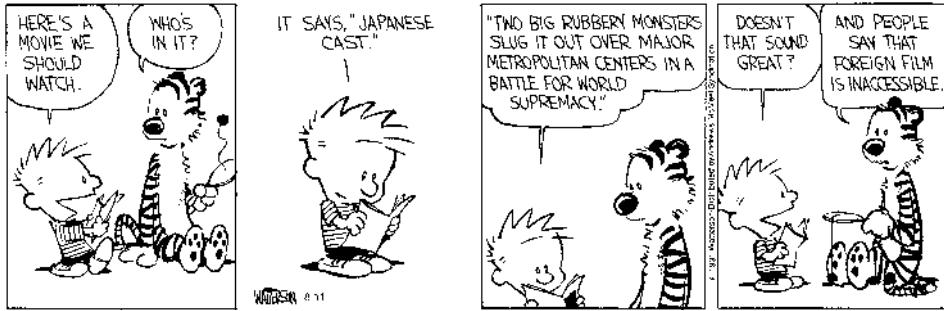
DEAR PRACTICAL: To ask that question could be perceived as extremely insensitive. Attempt it only if you have the skills of a diplomat.

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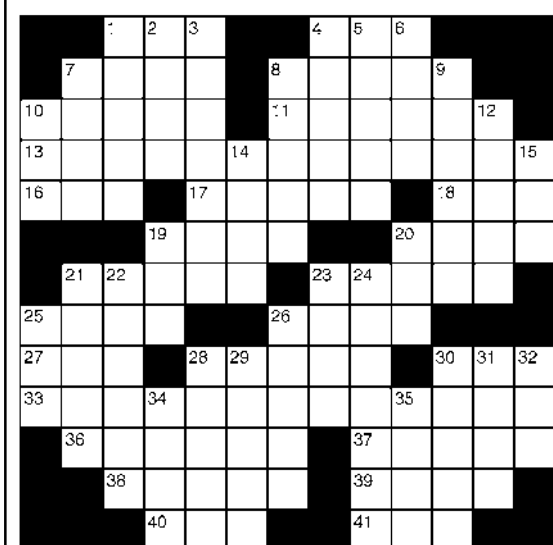
1 "I love," plant
4 Actress
7 Avocado
8 Claw
10 "I've —!" ("E-nough!")
11 Mideast peninsula
13 Migratory flyer
16 Indivisible
17 Brag
18 Soup container
19 Some July
20 Kristen of "Bridesmaids"
21 Bull's sound
23 Proust hero
25 Slapstick arsenal

DOWN

10 "The Sopranos" ailer
12 "Encore!"
14 Yard
15 Chang's brother
19 — Alamos
20 Pallid
21 Cranial cavity
22 Close by
23 Ego
24 Candy bar covering
25 Tavern
26 Window coating
28 Stop
29 Paid (up)
30 Two score
31 Oxen's burden
32 Conditions
34 Word of warning
35 — avis

Solution time: 23 mins.

Yesterday's answer 6-11



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Alyson Stoner, 28; Chris Hemsworth, 38; Sophie Okonedo, 53; Hulk Hogan, 68.

Happy Birthday: Push to get things done on time. Your word is only as good as your actions. Consider making necessary changes that encourage more opportunities as the year progresses. A tactical approach to how you handle friends, relatives, money and peers will pay off if you maintain structure and consistency when building a solid base. A creative or physical outlet will ease stress. Your numbers are 8, 14, 22, 28, 31, 39, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Set the record straight with anyone who tries to put words in your mouth. Standing up for your rights, beliefs and reputation will impress someone who can see what you can bring to the table. An opportunity is apparent. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You know what's best for you, so don't put yourself in an awkward position unnecessarily. Concentrate on personal growth, physical fitness and the people and pastimes that bring you joy. Love and romance will soothe the soul. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be forced out of your comfort zone if you let someone put you on the spot or take advantage of you, your skills or your clout. Refuse to indulge others or take risks that can upset your emotional or physical well-being. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Observe what's going on, and offset anything you feel can make you look bad or upset your plans. It's up to you to bring about change when

necessary. Don't limit what you can do because you are reluctant to act. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Look for a unique way to spend your spare time. How you relax or spend your cash will affect your peace of mind. Commit to a long-term plan that offers resolution emotionally, physically and mentally. A financial opportunity looks promising. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Pursue knowledge that will encourage positive change. Let your imagination wander, and you'll come up with a unique plan that will lead to better relationships with friends, relatives or your lover. Share your intentions and feelings, and finish what you start. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make a difference. Do something to help your community or someone you care about, and it will make you feel good and spark exciting ways to use your skills to raise your profile and awareness of issues that concern you. ***

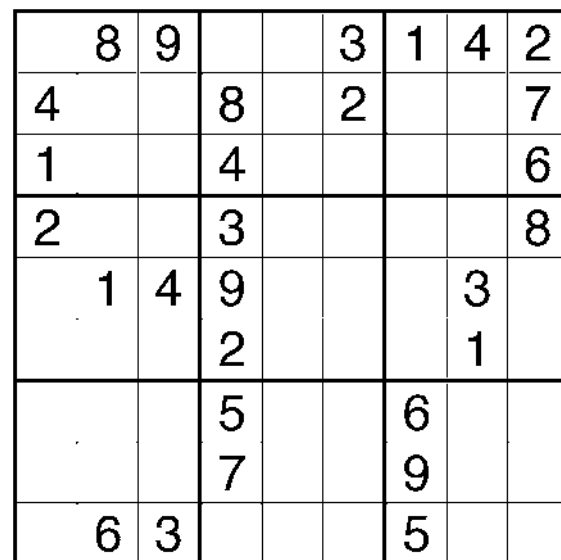
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Touch base with people who have something to offer. Make a proposal that can change the dynamics of a meaningful relationship. Lower your overhead, and it will ease stress and give you the freedom to enjoy life. Take responsibility for your happiness. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have a vivid imagination. Don't jump to conclusions or show your gullibility. Take time to think, and you'll recognize when someone is trying to take advantage of you. Create opportunities yourself, and you'll gain respect. **

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

8	1	9	3	5	4	7	2	6
2	4	3	6	8	7	5	9	1
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Being reasonable will be all it takes to get your way. Consider positive changes at home that will add to your comfort and make your tasks and responsibilities easier to achieve. Do something special for someone you love. Romance is favored. **



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Pick up the slack and finish what you start. A unique connection with someone will lead to an unusual relationship that offers insight into different lifestyles. Take the initiative to turn your thoughts into action. Leave nothing to chance. ****



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Become the instigator and pursue your goals. An opportunity will manifest if you are disciplined, organized and apply reason and intelligence to whatever challenge comes your way. Don't back down or give up; stay focused, and you will make a difference. ***

Birthday Baby: You are outspoken, impulsive and heroic. You are compassionate and unique.

☉: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ☽: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ☼: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ☼☼☼: Aim high; start new projects. ☼☼☼☼: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them. Circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

LOUNGERS

Solution: 10 letters

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U A O S H K T E G M H L S E R
S F B E D W C T M A Z T X E N
T T K E O I V O O E R T A W W
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Yesterday's Answer: Broker

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After blowing 4 late leads, Yanks finally hold off KC in 11

KANSAS CITY, Mo.
(AP) — DJ

LeMahieu led off the 11th inning with an RBI double and the New York Yankees, after blowing four late leads, finally held off the feisty Kansas City Royals 8-6 on Monday night.

Brett Gardner drove in three runs for the Yankees, two on a sharp infield single in the 11th that made it 8-5.

But the Royals, who tied the score in each of the previous four innings, once again refused to go down easily. They got a two-out RBI single from pinch-hitter Edward Olivares and brought the potential winning run to the plate before Carlos Santana grounded out to end a game that took 4 hours, 52 minutes.

"I'm just proud that, on a scorching-hot night, they just kept coming," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said.

Wandy Peralta earned his third major league save — the first two came with San Francisco this season.

Luke Voit, activated from the injured list Sunday, snapped a scoreless tie with an RBI single in the seventh and hit a tiebreaking homer in the ninth for New York. Aaron Judge had a run-scoring single in the eighth to make it 2-1.

"That was a grind," Voit said, "but it was the definition of a team win. Everybody on the lineup card got the job done. Obviously, we had some ups and downs in the game, but we kept fighting back."

Kansas City became the first team since 1900 to erase a deficit in the seventh, eighth, ninth and 10th innings of a game, according to STATS.

"I will not tire of talking about how hard these guys play the game and how great of a job they do fighting back all the time," manager Mike Matheny said. "It's unique, and the sign of professionals. Unfortunately,



New York Yankees third base coach Phil Nevin, left, congratulates Luke Voit, right after hitting a home run during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., Monday, Aug. 9, 2021. **AP**

nately, we got too big of a gap there in that last (inning)."

The Yankees got single runs in the seventh, eighth and ninth, but the Royals kept answering. Ryan O'Hearn's sacrifice fly in the seventh, Andrew Benintendi's single in the eighth and Nicky Lopez's single in the ninth each tied the score.

New York pushed across two in the 10th on a sacrifice fly by Kyle Higashioka and a single by Gardner. Kansas City evened it once again on a sac fly by Jarrod Dyson and a single by Hanser Alberto.

Clay Holmes (4-2) got the

win. Greg Holland (2-5) took the loss.

Giancarlo Stanton's 122 mph double-play grounder in the first inning matched his own mark for the fastest exit velocity of a ball put in play in the StatCast era.

Neither starter got a decision. Kansas City's Carlos Hernandez allowed one run and five hits in 6 2/3 innings. He walked one and struck out three. Jameson Taillon gave up an unearned run and four hits in six-plus innings. He struck out four and walked two.

Play was delayed in the

top of the fourth when plate umpire Brian Knight left the game. Pat Hoberg, who had been at third base, moved behind the plate. No reason was given for Knight's departure.

White Sox 11, Twins 1

In Minneapolis, the Chicago White Sox already were enjoying quite a season despite missing two key players. Now with Eloy Jiménez and Luis Robert back in the lineup, the AL Central leaders are looking even more formidable.

Jiménez hit two homers with five RBIs for the second

straight game, Robert came off the 60-day injured list to deliver an RBI double and single, and the White Sox cruised past the Minnesota Twins 11-1 Monday night.

"Getting both those guys back is kind of a reminder of what they can do to help us," manager Tony La Russa said.

Tim Anderson led off the game with a home run for the second day in a row and Lucas Giolito pitched two-hit ball for eight innings as the White Sox won their fourth in a row.

Jiménez became the first White Sox player with consecutive games of at least two homers and five RBIs, and the first in the majors since Bryce Harper for Washington in 2015.

Jiménez has five homers and 14 RBIs in 10 games since his return from the injured list after missing all of the season with a ruptured pectoral tendon sustained in spring training.

Padres 8, Marlins 3

In San Diego, Joe Musgrove effectively displayed his heavy dose of breaking pitches, tossing six strong innings and striking out eight to lead the San Diego Padres over the Miami Marlins 8-3 Monday night.

Coming into the game, Musgrove (8-7) was the only major league pitcher with 20-plus starts this year to throw breaking balls on more than half of his deliveries. He kept the Marlins off-balance, surrendering only one run and five hits while lowering his ERA to 2.81.

"(The breaking pitch) was not as sharp as it has been in the past handful of starts. ... I was still able to get it in the zone," Musgrove said. "The slider was a lot sharper for me tonight."

Eric Hosmer hit an early homer off Zach Thompson (2-5), then added an RBI sin-

gle in a four-run eighth that broke open the game. Hosmer has hit over .400 (21 for 50) at Petco Park since the beginning of July.

"Hosmer has been spot on. He came out of the All-Star break and he is really putting it together. Great at-bats versus righties and lefties," Padres manager Jayce Tingler said. "Big at-bats tonight from Hosmer."

Miami outfielder Lewis Brinson, who spoke before the game about an incident with racial overtones Sunday as the Marlins played at Coors Field in Denver, had two hits and scored twice.

Indians 9, Reds 3

In Cleveland, José Ramírez hit a two-run homer and an RBI triple, leading the Cleveland Indians to a 9-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Monday night.

Wilson Ramos also had a two-run homer, Amed Rosario was 4 for 5 with an RBI and Cleveland used five pitchers in a planned bullpen game to end Cincinnati's five-game winning streak.

Justin Garza (2-0) pitched two scoreless innings. The right-hander was the Indians' second pitcher and worked the third and fourth, striking out three.

Bradley Zimmer hit a 471-foot homer to center field leading off the seventh—the longest by an Indians player this season—and drove in two runs. The ball landed in a wooded area beyond the 400-foot sign on the wall.

"I was told that the only other person that's hit a ball out there is Jim Thome, so I figured I'm in good company," Zimmer said.

Thome hit the longest home run in the ballpark that opened in 1994, a 511-foot drive that also was to center field on July 3, 1999, against Kansas City.

Phillies retire Halladay's No. 34 in tribute to late ace

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—On the same diamond where Roy Halladay pitched himself into baseball history and the hearts of Philadelphia fans, the Phillies retired the late Hall of Famer's No. 34 jersey in a touching tribute Sunday.

Former teammates Jimmy Rollins, Ryan Howard and Raúl Ibañez as well as pitching coach Rich Dubee and manager Charlie Manuel were among those in attendance for the ceremony at Citizens Bank Park before the Phillies defeated the New York Mets 3-0 for their eighth straight victory.

Halladay's wife and two children were unable to attend due to COVID-19 protocols, Ibañez said. Halladay died in a

plane crash at 40 years old on Nov. 7, 2017.

Halladay spent four of his 16 seasons in Philadelphia from 2010-2013. He was twice an All-Star with the Phillies and won the second of his two Cy Young Awards following the 2010 season when he went 21-10 with a 2.44 ERA.

The right-hander tossed a perfect game at Miami on May 29, 2010, and threw the second no-hitter in post-season history that Oct. 6 against Cincinnati.

Ibañez spoke of how great of a teammate Halladay was, pointing out how the ace gave each member of the Phillies a watch following the perfect game that was inscribed: "We did it together."

"He gave us a material gift," Ibañez said, "but the true gift was being part of his team and part of his life."

Ibañez recalled Halladay's intensity, too.

"There was nothing like a Roy stare," Ibañez told.

Ibañez spoke to the large crowd from a podium next to Halladay's Hall of Fame plaque in front of the pitcher's mound.

Halladay's former catcher, Carlos Ruiz, unveiled a No. 34 statue along with Phillies owner John Middleton. After removing a red sheet, Ruiz kissed the statue and then touched his heart.

"It was special to be part of the ceremony, part of an incredible moment," Ruiz said through an interpreter. "It's an honor.

He's always present and has a very dear place in my heart."

Former Phillies great and fellow Hall of Famer Steve Carlton pulled off the sheet to show Halladay's retired Phillies No. 34 on a wall in center field at the ballpark. The No. 34 is right between Carlton's No. 32 and the No. 36 of another Hall of Fame member, Robin Roberts.

Halladay's number was the seventh retired for a Phillies player. Along with Carlton and Roberts, there is Mike Schmidt's 20, Dick Allen's 15, Richie Ashburn's 1 and Jim Bunning's 14.

Halladay was 55-29 with a 3.25 ERA in four seasons with the Phillies that halted in 2013 when right shoulder



Former Philadelphia Phillies' Raul Ibanez, left, speaks to crowd as the Phillies retire Roy Halladay's number prior to a baseball game against the New York Mets, Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021, in Philadelphia. **AP**

trouble ended his career.

"What separated (Halladay) was his work ethic, passion and dedication to his craft," Ruiz said.

Overall, the eight-time All-Star won 203 games and struck out 2,117 in his career that began with 12 seasons with the Toronto Blue Jays.

Doncic set to sign \$207M extension in Slovenian celebration



DALLAS (AP)—Luka Doncic is set to sign a \$207 million supermax extension with the Dallas Mavericks, who sent an entourage to the Slovenian star's home country to finish off the biggest contract in franchise history.

Agent Bill Duffy told ESPN and The Dallas Morning News on Monday that Doncic and the Mavericks had agreed to terms. The team said a virtual news conference was planned for Tuesday.

News of Doncic's five-year deal, which will kick in for the 2022-23 season, came as the Mavericks re-signed his most reliable scoring partner in the backcourt, shooting guard Tim Hardaway Jr., to a \$75 million, four-year contract.

The virtual news conference in Slovenia will include

Doncic, owner Mark Cuban and the new general manager-coach combination of Nico Harrison and Jason Kidd.

Dirk Nowitzki, who set an NBA record of 21 seasons with the same franchise while becoming the league's No. 6 all-time scorer with the Mavericks, also made the trip to Slovenia. The 7-foot German is now a consultant for the team.

The 22-year-old Doncic was an All-Star in his second and third seasons after being named Rookie of the Year in 2018-19. He's also been first-team All-NBA twice, which makes Doncic the first player eligible for a supermax extension off his rookie contract.

Doncic will sign the massive deal less than a week after leading Slovenia to its first Olympic berth and a fourth-place finish in Tokyo.

The NBA accomplishments are piling up fast for Doncic as well. Although he couldn't get the Mavericks past the Los Angeles Clippers in the first playoff round each of the past two seasons, Doncic averaged 33.5 points with five 40-point games.

Doncic is getting one of his backcourt mates back as well.

Hardaway averaged 16.6 points per game in his eighth season. The past two seasons with Dallas have included his best shooting from 3-point range.

The 29-year-old Hardaway came to the Mavericks from New York in a 2019 trade headlined by Kristaps Porzingis, envisioned by Dallas as the European sidekick to Doncic.

While Porzingis became mostly a decoy in the playoff loss to the Clippers with the

7-foot-3 Latvian and Doncic together, Hardaway averaged 17 points per game in the series and shot 40% from deep.

The late-season surge by Hardaway came after he spent most of the season coming off the bench behind Josh Richardson. Their roles reversed, and Richardson faded in the postseason. Harrison's first move as GM was trading him to Boston.

Hardaway has been traded twice by the Knicks, who drafted him in the first round in 2013. The first deal was with Atlanta before in 2015 he rejoined New York as a free agent two years later. Hardaway's career scoring average is 13.9 points.

The return of Hardaway comes after Dallas added another shooting guard in free agency in former Knick Reggie Bullock.

Conley back with Jazz, hoping to complete championship run

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Mike Conley returned to Utah to help the Jazz finish what they started last season.

Conley represents Utah's biggest signing in free agency, agreeing to a three-year deal worth \$68.04 million on the first day free agents could negotiate with NBA teams. Multiple teams showed interest in luring him away from the Jazz.

For Conley, it came down to wanting to complete unfinished business after Utah lost in the second round of the playoff as the top seed.

"Last year had a disappointing end to it," Conley said Monday, addressing the media after the Jazz announced his signing three days earlier. "But all the strides we've made along the way allow us to come into this season still chasing that championship — that ultimate goal. And it's something that's truly attainable. Something we can grasp. We're right there. We're knocking on the door."

Conley said he has made progress in fully healing the hamstring injury that caused him to miss five of six playoff games against the Los Angeles Clippers. That's welcome news for the Jazz. When healthy, the veteran point guard has been a difference-maker in keeping Utah's offense composed and efficient.

Last season, he averaged 16.2 points and 6.0 assists on the way to earning his first career NBA All-Star nod. Given what Conley has done with the Jazz so far, coming back made the most sense to him as he weighed his options.

"It's a comfort zone here," Conley said. "Somewhere I feel really comfortable. I feel like I can continue to grow, continue to help this team in

any way, shape, or form to get to the next level."

Bringing back Conley was just the first step for the Jazz. Utah also made a flurry of moves to upgrade its bench after last season's early playoff exit.

The Jazz signed Rudy Gay to a three-year, \$18.5 million deal and Hassan Whiteside to a one-year, \$2.4 million contract. Additionally, Utah acquired forward Eric Paschall in a trade with Golden State, sending back a protected 2026 second-round pick.

The newest second unit additions give the Jazz an increased scoring punch to complement reigning NBA Sixth Man of the Year Jordan Clarkson and Joe Ingles. They also give the Jazz improved defensive versatility on the perimeter against small-ball lineups.

Gay previously played with Conley for 5½ seasons in Memphis. He's excited for a reunion with his former Grizzlies teammate. The veteran forward said he's also eager to show what he can do in Utah.

Over four seasons in San Antonio, Gay carved out a niche as a reliable shooter and defender on the perimeter. He can guard and play multiple positions.

Gay felt drawn to Utah, in large part, because the Jazz stood out as the team with the greatest need for his specific offensive and defensive skills.

"When you're looking for a team or looking for a place to play, that's the biggest thing," Gay said. "At the end of the day, I just want to be a resource that teams can use. I feel like I can be the greatest asset here."

Similar thoughts compelled Whiteside to join the Jazz instead of re-signing with Portland.

Dinwiddie has big shoes to fill with Wizards

WASHINGTON (AP)—Spencer Dinwiddie is following some impressive players as the point guard in Washington. That's a role occupied by Russell Westbrook, John Wall and Gilbert Arenas for much of the past two decades.

"I'm not Gilbert, John or Russ. Those are all dudes with very interesting personalities," Dinwiddie said Monday. "You've got some of the best players—obviously Russ, one of the best players to ever play in terms of the triple-doubles. You've got Gilbert, one of the best scorers of all-time. You've got John, who had an extended run when you could argue he was the best point guard in the league."

Dinwiddie freely admitted he hasn't reached the superstar level in the NBA yet, but he is looking forward to the chance to team up with Bradley Beal and help the Wizards move forward after they traded Westbrook to the Los Angeles Lakers. Dinwiddie agreed to terms with Washington and ended up coming to the Wizards in a sign-and-trade deal that was part of the same massive trade that sent Westbrook to Los Angeles.

A second-round draft pick who has worked his way up through the NBA ranks, Dinwiddie now faces significant expectations—even as he insists he'll be a different type of player than Westbrook, Wall and Arenas.



In this May 22, 2021, file photo, Dallas Mavericks guard Luka Doncic smiles after scoring during the first half in Game 1 of an NBA basketball first-round playoff series against the Los Angeles Clippers in Los Angeles.

Anthony joins his friend LeBron with title the only goal

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Carmelo Anthony realized the time was finally right to join forces with his friend LeBron James.

Whether James and the veteran-led Los Angeles Lakers can help Anthony win his first NBA championship remains to be seen.

"Most people will say we should have gotten together years ago, early in our career, but we were on two different paths. It just felt like right now was the best time," Anthony said.

He and James have known each other since high school and were part of the star-studded 2003 draft class. James went first overall to the Cleveland Cavaliers out of high school, while Anthony was the third pick by the Denver Nuggets after leading Syracuse to its first NCAA title.

"Bron came to me and said the time is now and that we

have to make it happen," Anthony said. "I took my time with it and weighed my options."

James won a pair of championships in Miami with Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade, who went fourth and fifth to the Toronto Raptors and Heat, respectively, in 2003. He added two more titles with Cleveland in 2016 and LA last year.

Anthony's teams, meanwhile, have gone 3-13 in playoff series, and the closest he got to a title was a trip to the Western Conference finals with Denver in 2009. With James, Anthony, Russell Westbrook and Anthony Davis headlining the Lakers, anything less than a championship would disappoint.

"I'm coming in with a championship in my mind. This is the one thing that I'm missing," the 37-year-old Anthony said. "I want to experience what it is like going

through the ups and downs of a championship season."

All four players were part of the U.S. gold medal squad at the 2012 London Games. Anthony wants to make sure their camaraderie is consistent even when times get tough.

"I'm more excited about the journey of this season. We are going to win games. Let's be quite frank: We have to win games," Anthony said. "The basketball part will take care of itself. It's how we all come together and support one another. When it's always sunny, it's cool, but when it starts raining, then what happens? That's where the expertise and experience come into play."

Anthony—the 10th leading scorer in NBA history—joins his seventh team as he enters his 19th season. He averaged 13.4 points and made 40.9% of his 3-pointers coming off the bench for Portland last season, revitalizing his career by

proving he can contribute to a solid team as a reserve.

He's likely to have a similar role with the Lakers.

Anthony's 3-point shooting should be valuable on a team that has struggled from the perimeter for the past two seasons and added Westbrook, a point guard with a balky outside shot.

The recent additions—which also include Dwight Howard, Wayne Ellington, Kendrick Nunn and Malik Monk—have the Lakers with the second-lowest odds to win the NBA title, according to FanDuel Sportsbook.

Talen Horton-Tucker, who re-signed, is one of the few returnees. Kentavious Caldwell-Pope, Kyle Kuzma, Alex Caruso, Montrezl Harrell and Markieff Morris are no longer around after the Lakers' bid for a repeat championship was derailed by Phoenix in the first round of the playoffs.

Henderson's future with Jaguars uncertain as absences mount



JACKSONVILLE, Fla.

(AP)—CJ Henderson's NFL debut was better than anyone anticipated. The rookie cornerback and ninth overall pick in the 2020 draft had five tackles and three pass breakups, including an interception and a fourth-down swat in the final minute that sealed Jacksonville's lone victory last season.

Henderson looked like a budding star, a surefire upgrade from veteran A.J. Bouye and quite possibly an adequate replacement for Jalen Ramsey.

It turned out to be just a blip.

Henderson injured a shoulder three weeks later and hasn't been the same since.

He played through pain but landed on injured reserve in mid-November because of a strained groin. He missed half the year and needed labrum surgery in the offseason.

Coach Urban Meyer raved about Henderson's rehab in March, saying "we're counting on him."

Now, though, it seems like Meyer's faith in Henderson is waning.

Henderson tested positive for COVID-19 when he reported to training camp last month and sat out 10 days. He returned briefly last week before missing Sunday's open scrimmage in front of more than 15,000 fans at TIAA Bank Field. Meyer said Hen-

derson's absence was for "personal reasons" and responded "I don't know" when asked whether the second-year pro would be able to overcome his current circumstances.

ESPN reported later Sunday that multiple NFL executives believe Henderson is on the trading block, fueling speculation about the former Florida standout's future in Jacksonville.

The only thing clear about Henderson's situation is the Jaguars had concerns months ago despite what Meyer said publicly. Jacksonville gave cornerback Shaquill Griffin a three-year, \$40 million deal in free agency, re-signed former starters Tre Herndon and

Sidney Jones and then drafted Georgia cornerback Tyson Campbell with the first pick in the second round.

The Jags had more pressing needs (safety, pass rusher, offensive line, tight end) but instead grabbed an insurance policy for Henderson.

"Tyson Campbell is a very fast guy," Meyer said Sunday. "He never panics because he's got elite speed, and he's been really good. ... We're glad we got him."

Henderson was one of the fastest guys at the NFL combine in 2020. He covered the 40-yard dash in 4.39 seconds and was ranked higher on some draft boards than Ohio State cornerback Jeff Okudah.



Jacksonville Jaguars cornerback CJ Henderson (23) follows a play during the second half of an NFL football game against the Houston Texans in Jacksonville, in this Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020, file photo. AP

2021 Hyundai Elantra SEL for HANMI golf tourney



A 2021 Hyundai Elantra SEL from Triple J Motors is up for grabs as a hole-in-one prize at the 19th Annual HANMI Charity Classic Golf Tournament on Aug. 14, 2021 at Coral Ocean Resort. The tournament will benefit the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 to be held in Saipan.

"What an exciting time for the CNMI as we will be hosting the 2022 Pacific Mini Games! It's important that we put our best foot forward so we can make a lasting impression on the 2,000 athletes, officials, and other attendees that will arrive from the neighboring Pacific islands," said Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods and Payless Superfresh Truckload Store general manager Jay Santos. "Triple J knows how important the Pacific Mini Games event is and that is why we didn't hesitate to extend our support. Thank you to our friends at HANMI for organizing this golf tournament and more importantly, donating the proceeds to the Pacific Mini Games."

Golfers will also have the opportunity to win \$10,000 cash as a hole-in-one and other prizes.



Triple J Motors general manager Sean Ficke, second left, donates a 2021 Hyundai Elantra SEL on Aug. 4, 2021, as a hole-in-one prize for the 19th Annual HANMI Charity Classic Golf Tournament slated for Aug. 14, 2021, at Coral Ocean Resort in Saipan. From left, CEO Ben Babauta of tournament beneficiary Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022, Ficke, Triple J Motors F&I managers Anastasia Dela Cruz and Steve Sablan, Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods & Payless Superfresh Truckload Store GM Jay Santos, Triple J Motors Used Car manager Manning Sales, and tournament committee chair Glenn Policare.

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"Triple J Saipan has played an integral role in our tournament's success for many years," said tournament committee chair Glenn Policare. "From hole-in-one cars to prizes and support, Triple J Saipan ticks all the boxes!"

The tournament fee of \$140 includes green fee and the awards luncheon, and registration forms are available at www.saipanhotels.org. For an additional \$30, players may also compete for optional play cash and prizes, including longest drive (male and female), accurate drive, and four chances for nearest to the pin. Showtime is 6am and the

tournament will start at 7am. An awards presentation and raffle will be held poolside immediately following the tournament at Coral Ocean Resort.

Hole-in-One Sponsors are Joeten Motors Company, Atkins Kroll Saipan, Triple J Motors and United Equipment Rental. The tournament's Presidential Suite Sponsors are Tan Siu Lin Foundation and Marianas Visitors Authority. Deluxe Package Sponsors are Bridge Capitol LLC and Pacific Eco Laundry. Superior Package Sponsors are Grand Vrio Resort Saipan, Saipan World Resort, Kanoa Resort Saipan, IT&E, Kautz Glass

and Shirley's Coffee Shop. VIP Package Sponsors are Armatech, Ben's International Corp., Chung Nam Corp., Chong's Corporation, Dial Rent to Own, DOCOMO Pacific Saipan, Ernst and Young, Ina's Kitchen, the Japan Saipan Travel Association, Kensington Saipan Hotel, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, and Pacific Saipan. The tournament is also supported by numerous in-kind sponsors.

For more information, contact tournament chair Glenn Policare at glenn_policare@kanoaresort.com or visit www.facebook.com/HANMI670. (PR)

prizes from first to third in the heaviest catch must include a tuna species—yellow fin, skip jack, and big eye tuna.

Registration forms will be placed at the Fishing Tackle & Sporting Goods as well as 4EVER CNMI shop in San Jose. Registration fee is \$200 for one captain and two anglers with additional crew \$25 apiece. The awards ceremony will be held after the last weigh-in on fishing derby day.

Registration is on Aug. 13 from 4pm to 6pm at the Smiling Cove Marina. Fishing shirts and other giveaways will be provided to registrants

cronesian Environmental Services, which is the science of our fish species and more are built into TTT's eight-month program," he added.

A total of \$6,000 courtesy of major sponsors Bank of Saipan and Pacific Trading Co. is at stake for the Tuna Mix Classic 2021. First place will be getting \$3,000, second place will be taking home \$2,000, and third place will be pocketing \$1,000 in cash prizes, with additional gift certificates from Fishing Tackle & Sporting Goods.

Under the rules of the unique fishing derby, any pelagic species in contention for

while supplies last. This event supports the youth program run by TTT in all the CNMI public high schools of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. All proceeds generated will go toward supporting the youth program TTT spearheads.

"For the anglers who are to participate in the Tuna Mix Classic, we wish all the best of luck and look forward to recognizing the first champion of this year's Tuna Mix Classic!" said Pangelinan.

For more information on Tasi to Table Inc.'s Tuna Mix Classic 2021, call Weaver at 483-4363 or Pangelinan at 788-8057.

FilTaga August Ace in Aug. 28 at COP

FilTaga Golfers Association will hold its August Ace of the Month Tournament on Aug. 28 at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Course in Obyan.

Tee-off time is 12pm with green fee of \$45 and pot money at \$20. There's also a Par 3 cost of \$5. The winner of the August Ace will take home \$150, while second place gets \$50.

Third place pockets \$30.

The winner of the August Ace will join Henry Bautista (January), Dan Ganacias (February), Eli Buenaventura (March), Tony Cabrera (April), and William Retardo (May), Lito Mendoza (June), and Ruben Avendaño (July) for the yearend FilTaga Ace Tournament. (Mark Rabago)



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Southern United 6, Kanoa 5

In the other game in the division, Southern United nipped Kanoa to notch its second victory in as many games.

Six different players teamed up for Southern United's close win with Allyssya Angeles and Keisha Deleon Guerrero providing the insurance goals in the second half.

The second half started with Southern United holding a 4-2 advantage, behind the goals of

Nathanette Blas (ninth minute), Christina Atalig (13th), Jannah Casarino (24th), and Brittany Wally (31st). Irish Pagarao scored (15th and

32nd minute) the two goals in the first half for Kanoa and the team made an attempt to rally in the second behind another goal from Pagarao and a pair from Kristelle Itaas.

However, Angeles and Deleon Guerrero's goals in the 43rd and 55th minute, respectively, gave Southern United enough cushion against the three goals that Kanoa registered in a span of four minutes. Itaas got her first goal in the 56th minute, Pagarao had her third in the 58th, while the former earned her second in the 60th.

Kanoa absorbed its first loss of the season, failing to have a follow-up on its opening week victory against Shirley's FC-B, 4-0.

fourth place is \$350.

Entry fee is \$350 and the King of the Diamond Labor Day Softball Tournament in sponsored by Budweiser, All-Star Sporting Goods, Power 99, and *Marianas Variety*.

Deadline to register for the King of the Diamond Labor Day Softball Tournament is this coming Sunday, Aug. 15. For more information, call Ik-luk at 287-7979 or Villanueva at 285-4269.

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and food onsite also so the patrons can come and have food and drinks readily available. We invite the public to come down and enjoy the local team showcase their talents," he said.

Prizes for the tournament are nothing to sneeze at as first place is \$1,000 plus a set of 12 uniforms, second place is \$750, third place is \$500, and

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tion, organizing, marketing, and promotions and more to have a successful event," said Pangelinan.

TTT's purpose is to give that edge to students who may find themselves in the marine field of study, possible career paths with marine study, marketing, coordinating events/activities, just to name a few.

"In line with other supporting agencies and non-government offices, learning about our environment, their mental health, boating safety, water quality, [TTT will] add Mi-



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Shirley's FC-A hands Costales send-off gift

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Shirley's Football Club-1 gave Katrina Costales a fitting send-off gift with its 7-2 victory over Shirley's FC-B in the Premier Division game in the Dove Women's Summer League 2021 last Wednesday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Costales left for Washington for college last Saturday, three days after scoring the first goal in Shirley's FC-A's win over its sister team. Costales delivered her last goal for Shirley's FC-A in the 11th minute to set up the squad's early control of the game. Shirley's FC-A went on to take a 4-0 halftime lead over in Shirley's FC-B, as Jasmine Phan, Fiona Bucalig, and Mae Ito also hit the board, scoring in the 13th, 20th, and 30th minute, respectively.

Shirley's FC-A made it a 6-1 advantage when Toremy Diaz fired back-to-back goals with her first recorded in the 39th minute and the

second three minutes later. Shirley's FC-B, on the other hand, broke its long silence in the 37th minute, thanks to Jeraldine Castillo's goal.

Phan then duplicated Diaz's feat when the former got her second goal in the 46th minute, while Shirley's FC-B posted the last goal in the match, courtesy of Jeraldine Castillo's conversion, but it was not enough to prevent Shirley's FC-A from giving Costales a farewell win.

The victory was also Shirley's FC-A's first early into the season after bowing to Southern United, 1-5, last July 28.

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Katrina Costales, seen here in a file photo during the Dove Women's Spring League 2021, scored the first goal for Shirley's FC-A last Wednesday during their game against Shirley's FC-B at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville before leaving for Washington last Saturday.

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At least 35 boats expected in Tuna Mix Classic 2021

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Angler Inas Lizama Jr. shows off the 145-lb big eye tuna he caught around Rota.

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Tasi to T a b l e Inc. is gearing

up for its hosting of the Tuna Mix Classic 2021 fishing tournament this Saturday, Aug. 14.

TTT vice president Wayne Pangelinan said they're expecting at least 35 boats to take part in the inaugural fishing derby.

He said the Tuna Mix Classic is one of two community events they host and organize with support of sponsors for the CNMI.

"Every first week of the March is the intended Wahoo in the Marianas and in 2022, IT&E and Mobil Oil Marianas are expected to sponsor the third annual student-led tournament. For June 2022, we are planning for a student-led tournament on Rota where we hope we would get sponsors," he said.

Then there's this upcoming Tuna Mix Classic by Bank of Saipan and Pacific Trading Co.

"It is obvious that TTT is ambitious, however, these events do collaborate with the students as TTT also teaches about event coordina-

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'King of the Diamond' starts Aug. 29



In this 2018 file photo, a Definite Lee runner jumps back to first base, while a Guerrero 4 Senate player attempts to tag him out during their game in the GOP Manhoben Softball Tournament at the Capitol Hill Ballfield.

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Summer is officially over but that isn't stopping the boys of summer from playing their favorite sport, as Roil Soil Marketing will hold the King of the Diamond Labor Day Softball Tournament from Aug. 29 to Sept. 6 at the Capitol Hill Ballfield.

Roil Soil Marketing owner Shayne Villanueva said the tournament will have slots for 30 teams and entries will be determined in a first-come, first-served basis.

"King of the Diamond is a fun tournament to bring back some competitive softball back to the diamond. We are teaming up with Budweiser to host two new tournaments a year. One during Labor Day and another during Memorial Day weekend. This tournament will feature cash prizes, a home run derby, a cornhole tournament, and more. We look to have some vendors

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